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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 67/300 of 16 September 2013 on "Modalities for the sixth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development" (see document A/67/L.82). In accordance with the same resolution, the sixth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 7 and 8 October, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, at the ministerial level. As you know, the biennial High-level Dialogue is the major intergovernmental focal point for the follow-up to the 2002 Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Doha Review Conference.

The overall theme of this year's Dialogue will be "The Monterrey Consensus, Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and related outcomes of major UN conferences and summits: status of implementation and tasks ahead". The Dialogue will consist of a series of plenary and informal meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Monday, 7 October 2013, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, 8 October 2013, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall (NLB). At these meetings, ministers and other high-level officials attending the Dialogue will make formal statements. Each oral statement should not exceed *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group, although this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive written texts.

The informal meetings will include three interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the afternoon of Monday, 7 October 2013, and morning of Tuesday, 8 October 2013, and an informal interactive dialogue on the afternoon of Tuesday, 8 October 2013, on the themes as listed in resolution 67/300. All the informal meetings will be held with the participation of relevant stakeholders in the financing for development process, including the intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the business sector.

Tentative programme and information note for the Dialogue are available on the webpage of the meeting at <a href="http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hld/HLD2013\index.htm">http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hld/HLD2013\index.htm</a>.

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The Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration embody a major commitment by all relevant stakeholders to staying fully engaged in the financing for development follow-up process, including through the continued engagement of ministries of development, finance, trade and foreign affairs, as well as central banks. Given the importance of the upcoming event, I hope that your Government will be represented at the ministerial level, as appropriate.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Paulette Bethel Chef de Cabinet