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As the Rio + 20 mandated processes advance in their respective mandates to define sustainable development goals and the options for an effective sustainable development financing strategy, there is a growing interest amongst Member States to begin consideration of further elements relevant to the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Secretary-General, in his report "A life of dignity for all" (A/68/202), observed that "[s]trong monitoring and accountability will be crucial for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda" and that, concomitantly, improved data collection, dissemination and analysis will be necessary. Similarly, in the outcome document of the Special Event of the President of the General Assembly to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals held in September 2013, Member States reaffirmed the importance of "promoting [...] accountability at all levels" (A/RES/68/6, para 13).

In keeping with the letter of those documents, and in response to Member States' requests, I am pleased to announce that I shall convene an interactive dialogue on Thursday, 1 May, 2014, to address "Elements for a monitoring and accountability framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda". The outcome of such event will provide an additional input into the report mandated to the Secretary-General to synthesize all inputs available by the end of 2014.

Further information including a provisional programme and concept note for the event shall be communicated in due course.

As always, I look forward to your active engagement and participation.

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

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