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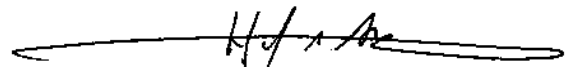
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Excellency,

With reference to my previous letters dated 20 October and 3 November 2006 regarding the first informal thematic debate entitled "Partnerships towards Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Taking Stock, Moving Forward" scheduled to take place on Monday, 27 November 2006, I have the honor to enclose herewith the detailed programme for the day's events.

I look forward to the full and active participation of all Member States.

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



Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



**Programme of the General Assembly's
Informal Thematic Debate on Development
27 November 2006**

**"Partnerships towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals:
Taking Stock, Moving Forward"**

I: Morning Session (General Assembly Hall):

- **Time:** 10 AM – 1 PM

- **Format:**

Brief Statements by the following:

- 1- President of the 61st Session of the General Assembly, H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa.
- 2- Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan.
- 3- President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ali Hachani.

3 minute break

- 4- Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Mr. Kemal Dervis.
- 5- Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo.
- 6- Statement by the President of the Islamic Development Bank Group, Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali.
- 7- Presentation by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals, Professor Jeffrey Sachs.
- 8- Followed by interactive debate with the participation of Member States. This segment will commence with presentations from a number of Member States on their National Development Strategies.

II: Afternoon Session (Trusteeship Council):

- **Time:** 3 PM – 5:30 PM



- **Format:** Town Hall Meeting.

An interactive debate with the participation of Member States, Private Sector, and Civil Society. This segment will include a Panel discussion with the participation of the following speakers:

- H.E. Mr. Zola Skweyiya, Minister for Social Development, Republic of South Africa.
- H.E. Dr. Fatima Al-Balooshi, Minister for Social Development, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Ms. Maureen Harrington, Vice-President for Policy and International Relations, Millennium Challenge Corporation.
- H.E. Mr. Hisham Alwugayan, Deputy Director General, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.
- Mr. George Soros, Chairman of the Soros Fund Management.
- Ms. Joanna Kerr, Executive Director, Association for Women in Development.
- Mr. John Gage, Vice-President, Sun Microsystems.
- H.E. Mr. Markku Niskala, Secretary General, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
- Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals.
- Mr. Gary Cohen, President of Becton Dickinson Medical.

II: Concluding Session (Trusteeship Council):

- **Time:** 5:30 PM

The President of the 61st Session of the General Assembly will make concluding remarks summarizing the main points of the discussions.

P.S. *The afternoon session will be moderated by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Shashi Tharoor.*