



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 July 2008

Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the preparations for the Financing for Development Review Conference in Doha from 29 November to 2 December.

Firstly, I would like to commend you and your delegation for the substantive and engaging approach that you have taken to this important matter throughout the 62nd session. We set ourselves a demanding schedule in order to review each of the chapters of the Monterrey consensus in detail and I am grateful for your support. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank the Facilitators, Ambassador Maged A. Abdelaziz of Egypt and Ambassador Johan L. Løvald of Norway, for chairing each of the review sessions including the hearings with the private sector and civil society.

Based on the agreed timetable, in consultation with Member States and groups of member States, and all institutional stakeholders, the Facilitators with support from the Financing for Development Office, presented me with the first draft of the Doha Outcome Document. This document is attached to this letter so that your delegation may begin to develop your position on the outcome of the Review Conference in advance of the high-level official launch of negotiations at a meeting of the General Assembly on 8 September. The General Assembly will then continue with informal consultations on the draft on 9 and 10 September.

Finally, I look forward to the continuation of the positive atmosphere that has prevailed throughout the preparatory process with a view to reaching an initial agreement on the draft outcome document.

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


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