



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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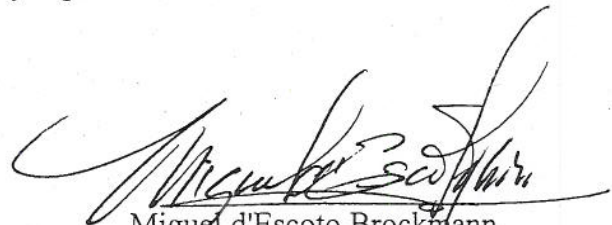
Excellency,

During the High-level Event on the Millennium Development Goals on 25 September 2008, I expressed my full support to the proposal made by the Secretary-General to hold a Summit in 2010 on the Millennium Development Goals, as an opportunity to galvanize the needed efforts and actions in the final five years before our 2015 deadline, and to examine the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved toward implementing the Millennium Declaration, to be prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/162 of 14 December 2000.

In this connection, I would like to invite you to informal consultations of the plenary, to be held on Friday, 14 November 2008 at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to seek your views on convening the Summit. If Member States are supportive of the proposal, it is my intention to submit for your consideration a short procedural draft resolution for action by the General Assembly.

Once the draft resolution is adopted, I will appoint two facilitators to conduct informal consultations on a draft resolution regarding the organizational and other aspects of the Summit and to report to me next year at a date to be determined. The consultations will be based on the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the modalities of the Summits held in 2000 and 2005. I am attaching for your reference, a draft concept note and a list of the resolutions for the previous Summits. I hope that you will be able to participate personally in the informal consultations on this important issue.

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



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Draft Concept Note
UN General Assembly Summit on the Millennium Development Goals. 2010

Background

At the high-level MDG event on the MDGs held on 25 September, the UN Secretary-General proposed the convening of an MDG Summit in 2010. It will be an important opportunity to galvanize the needed efforts and actions in the final five years before the 2015 deadline. To convene this Summit, the General Assembly should adopt a resolution on the timing, scope, objectives and modalities of the 2010 summit.

Timing

The Summit should be held at the opening of the general debate of the 65th session of the General Assembly plenary debate.

Participation

Heads of State/Government should participate in the Summit. In addition, there is a need to ensure widest possible engagement in the preparatory process and the Summit both in terms of geographical scope and diversity of actors.

Scope

The 2010 MDG summit will provide an opportunity for a comprehensive review of the MDGs including the impact of new developments, such as climate change. It should also help to re-energize efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals and other related goals in the run-up to the 2015 target.

The Secretary-General should be requested to submit, in 2010, a comprehensive analytical report on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals with concrete recommendations for action to ensure that the Millennium Development Goals are achieved by their target date.

Modalities and format

General Assembly resolutions 58/291, 59/145 and 59/291 on the modalities of the 2005 World Summit could provide valuable guidance in this regard. The Summit itself could be composed of plenary meetings and interactive round-table sessions. The round-table sessions would cover all the MDGs and could be held in concurrence with a plenary meeting.

Following the example of the 2008 MDG event, informal partnership events could also be held, which could feed into the official meetings.

In line with past practice, the President of the General Assembly would invite, in consultations with Member States, civil society and private sector representatives, on an equitable geographical basis, to participate in the events of the Summit.

Outcome

The Summit could result in the adoption of an outcome document which would reflect the scope of the exercise, and would call on the Member States to implement, by 2015, all agreed commitments under the MDGs.

	2005 Summit	2000 Summit
Mandate	GA resolution 58/291 and 59/145 and 59/291 decided to convene in 2005 a High-level plenary meeting of the 60 th session of the General Assembly	GA resolution 53/202, 54/254 and 54/261 designated the 55 th session of the GA as the "Millennium Assembly of the UN". This decision was based on the Secretary-General's proposal, in his report A/51/950, that called for the 2000 GA session to be designated "The Millennium Assembly" and that it include a "Millennium Summit".
Participation	Heads of State – 98 Heads of Government – 49 Vice-Presidents – 6 Crown Prince – 1 Deputy Prime Ministers - 4 Foreign Ministers and other Ministers - 26 Chairman of Delegation - 4 Total: 189	Heads of State – 96 Heads of Government – 46 Vice-Presidents – 5 Crown Prince – 1 Deputy Prime Ministers - 6 Foreign Ministers and other Ministers - 21 Chairman of Delegation - 21 Total: 185
Duration	3 days – 5 plenary meetings 1 day – Financing for Development, presided over by the President of the General Assembly	3 days – 6 plenary meetings
Structure	5 plenary meetings and 4 round tables chaired by Heads of State/Heads of Government	6 plenary meetings and 4 round tables chaired by Heads of State/Heads of Government
Major Issues	Contained in outcome document: Development, peace and collective security; human rights and the rule of law; Strengthening of the United Nations	United Nations Millennium Declaration, including the MDGs.
Outcome	Negotiated GA resolution 60/1 entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome" In the first part of the 60 th session, other actions resulting from the Summit process included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a resolution operationalising the Peacebuilding Commission • a resolution operationalising the Human Rights Council • a resolution establishing the Responsibility to Protect • a commitment vigorously to pursue both a convention on Counterterrorism and a Counterterrorism Strategy • calling for and commencing the Mandate Review Process • accelerating action and initiatives on other challenges such as Climate Change and HIV/AIDS 	Negotiated GA resolution 55/2 containing the United Nations Millennium Declaration. Later in the same session, the Assembly also passed resolution 55/162: "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit", in which it requested various actions from a wide range of parties, including Member States, the Bretton Woods institutions, civil society, the private sector, and the Secretariat. It ended by requesting the Secretary-General to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "urgently prepare a long-term 'road map' towards the implementation of the Millennium Declaration..."; and • Prepare a comprehensive report every five years,* supplemented by an annual report, on progress achieved toward implementing the Millennium Declaration * (next report due in 2010)

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