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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the co-facilitators of the Special Event towards achieving the MDGs, H.E. Anne Anderson, Permanent Representative of Ireland and H.E. Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, informing that the next round of open consultations will take place Thursday, 6 June from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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



Zdravko Ponos
Chef de Cabinet

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



17 May 2013

Excellency,

Special Event towards achieving the MDGs

We are writing to you in connection with the next General Assembly informal consultations on the special event to be held by the President of the General Assembly in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 65/1. We propose to convene the next round of open consultations on **Thursday, 6 June from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Although the co-facilitators are not yet in a position to provide the President of the General Assembly with a fully agreed modalities text for the meeting envisaged for 25 September, the PGA has requested us to continue our consultations while aspects of the text are being finalized. It is also our sense that delegations would now wish to continue the open exchanges on the nature and substance of the outcome document for the September meeting. The meeting on 6 June will provide the co-facilitators with a valuable opportunity to hear the views of the membership on both aspects.

Through the various inputs and our discussions with delegations, it is very clear to us that first and foremost, Member States and other stakeholders would like to see an event which takes stock of MDG progress to date and helps to accelerate MDG achievement by galvanizing renewed political support for the MDGs. At the same time, delegations have expressed the wish to use the event as an opportunity to reflect on the shape -- and perhaps, in a preliminary way, the substance -- of the overall post-2015 agenda.

Delegations also see the special event as an important occasion to launch a process to elaborate a roadmap for the time between September 2013 and a 2015 UN summit.

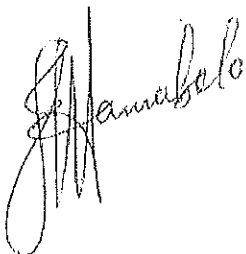
It is with these thoughts that we write to you to suggest that the meeting on 6 June 2013 will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect *inter alia* on the following questions:

1. What should be the structure and primary focus of the short outcome document?
2. What should be the overall message of the outcome document in terms of the progress made to date and steps to be taken to accelerate MDG implementation?
3. In what terms might the outcome document address the overall post-2015 agenda?
4. How do we envisage a roadmap that would bring us from September 2013 to the point of adoption of a new agenda at a 2015 summit?

We hope that the discussion on these questions will provide us sufficient guidance to be able to move forward.

We look forward to your effective participation in this very important task that lies in front of us. Please check the Official Journal for the room number closer to the date.

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



H.E. Kingsley Mamabolo
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of South Africa



H.E. Anne Anderson
Permanent Representative
of Ireland

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