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Water and Sanitation side-event to the UN Millennium Development Goals High Level Event

“Water and Sanitation for all”

WHO:

- H. E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
- H. E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- H. E. Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Vice-Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- H. E. Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan

WHAT:

A special event on water and sanitation to provide strengthen political support, identify key challenges and review global progress for achieving the millennium target for water and sanitation. The event will examine improved monitoring processes in the sector and approaches for holding decision-makers to account. Statements by the four co-convening governments will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Riz Khan.

Stakeout at 2:15pm

WHERE:

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, NY

WHEN:

24 September 2008, Time: 1:15 to 3:30 pm

WHY:

The world can no longer afford to overlook water and sanitation issues. Access to water and sanitation are closely linked with all other millennium goals including the right to survival, health and human dignity. This event is designed to provide global commitment and resources to reach the MDG targets for water and sanitation as well as contribute to the High Level Event on the MDGs of 25th September.

Note to editors:

The President of Tajikistan H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, Prime Minister of the Netherlands H.E. Mr. Balkenende, and the Special Envoy of the Government of Japan Ms Yoriko Kawaguchi will be available for very brief interviews at the stakeout at 2:15pm. Availability of Germany TBC.

HRH Prince Willem-Alexander, Chair of the United Nation's Secretary-Generals Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation will be available for interviews at 3:30 pm.

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