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Excellency,

We are writing to you in follow-up to our last informal meeting held on Thursday, 29 April 2010. We were very heartened and encouraged by the high attendance and constructive spirit at that meeting. We heard strong convergence on many of the issues raised in response to the five questions that we had posed in our letter of April 21. This augurs well for our future work.

As indicated at the end of the meeting on 29 April 2010, we are pleased to enclose a draft structure of the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly. The draft structure is based on your comments at the meeting, the report of the Secretary-General “Keeping the promise”, which several delegations highlighted as a good starting point, as well as your subsequent written proposals and our other formal and informal contacts.

From the meeting, it is clear to us that there is a sense of optimism that the MDGs are achievable by the agreed target date. The Summit needs to send a forward looking positive message. It must also mobilize the political engagement and commitment of all stakeholders that is concomitant to the ambition to meet the goals by 2015.

We are also cognizant of the several proposals that were made on the structure of the outcome document and the need to combine brevity with an action-oriented text which will provide the momentum for actions to accelerate the realization of the MDGs by 2015. With this in mind, it seems most logical to us to keep the outcome document divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the significance of the September Summit and the assessment of the progress made to date with regard to all MDGs. The second part will define the key elements of concrete strategies and the targeted actions to be taken under each MDG by all stakeholders towards an action-agenda for the poor.

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You will see that with our proposed structure we also tried to closely follow the guidance provided in General Assembly resolution 64/184. It aims to take stock of the mixed success story to date by identifying gaps and challenges, successes and best practices, challenges and obstacles as well as by detailing the actions that need to be taken under each MDG to rally support and spur collective action. What is especially important in this connection is to define actions which will preserve all gains and insulate the MDGs from crisis induced reversals.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, 11 May from 3 pm to 6 pm in the General Assembly Hall, we hope to get from you comments on the draft structure and more details on the elements that you would like to see reflected in the Outcome Document. On the basis of these views, and if Member States so desire, we can work on a more detailed draft for your consideration and establish a work plan for negotiations on the document, keeping in mind the very busy UN calendar in the months of May and June. We look forward to your continued engagement on this important task that lies ahead.

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



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