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## **High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership**

### **Note on preparations and scenario**

**Mandate:** GA resolution 55/193 of 20 December 2000

**Date:** 17 – 18 September 2001, UN Headquarters, New York

**Overall theme:** *Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century*

**Sub-themes:** (a) *Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts*  
(b) *Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries*

**Format:** Plenary meetings  
Ministerial round table meetings  
Informal panels, with the participation of non-governmental actors

**Outcome:** Summary by the President, to be presented at the closure of the event

**Follow-up:** Consolidated report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-sixth session (on the implementation of resolution 55/193).

#### **Background:**

The high-level dialogue on development through partnership constitutes the intergovernmental follow-up to, and assessment of the Agenda for Development, adopted by the General Assembly in 1997. The Agenda provides that such a dialogue should also be used as an opportunity to discuss new and emerging issues concerning international cooperation for development.

The dialogue is intended to promote a broader and deeper understanding of issues of a global or transboundary nature and to provide impetus for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development. It should engage the attention of policy makers, and generate interest among all groups and actors in development, and result in stimulating and productive discussions. The dialogue should not be seen in isolation as a two-day event, but rather as part of the broader intergovernmental process that encompasses major UN conferences and summits, especially the Millennium Summit, and the regular work of intergovernmental bodies, especially the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, and the Economic and Social Council.

The outcome, in the form of a President's summary, should constitute a contribution to the implementation of the Agenda for Development and other relevant intergovernmental processes. It should stimulate follow-up by Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental actors and other development partners, and enrich and move forward the policy debate on development issues.

The entities of the UN system have expressed their readiness to contribute to, and participate in the preparations for the next dialogue. This system-wide support should therefore be reflected in the dialogue.

### **Scenario for 17 and 18 September 2001**

Within the parameters established by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/193, there should be a plenary for formal statements of delegations. Statements should be of limited duration. If necessary, 3 (and  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) meetings should be allocated for that purpose. In parallel to plenary, on each of the two sub-topics, one ministerial round table and one informal panel should be convened consecutively. Informal panels would consist of presentations by 4 to 5 panelists representing different stakeholders, followed by a dialogue among all participants.

The key elements of the discussions in the ministerial round tables as well as the informal panels should be reported back to Plenary at the last meeting of the two-day dialogue. This would also constitute part of the President's summing up of the event.