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Informal Ministerial Roundtable Annual Ministerial Review

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“The Annual Ministerial Review”

Among the new functions assigned to the Council by the 2005 World Summit is to convene an Annual Ministerial Review (AMR). The AMR will assess progress in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The review should draw on the functional and regional commissions of ECOSOC and other international institutions, including the Bretton Woods Institution and the OECD/DAC, and regional development and integration mechanisms, such as NEPAD. The AMR will provide a global forum for systematic review and monitoring of the implementation towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including MDGs. It will allow the identification of gaps in implementation and ways to speed up and scale-up implementation. The key factor of success for the AMR will be whether it will be able to ensure that the outcomes of the reviews are followed-up and will feed into concrete action.

The *Informal Ministerial Roundtable* will enable ECOSOC members and other interested stakeholders to engage in an interactive dialogue on the future shape of the AMR. The inter-active dialogue is expected to focus, in particular, on the following four questions: (1) *How can we make sure that the AMR has the maximum impact on implementation and directly contributes to the achievement of the development goals?* (2) *How can we work together to ensure that the AMR best taps into the various review mechanisms that exist at the national, regional and global levels?* (3) *What practical measures need to be taken to ensure effective preparation of the first AMR and how can we best ensure broad based participation of a wide range of stakeholders in this process?* (4) *What kind of outputs do we seek from the AMR and how should the outcome be followed-up?*

Roundtable participants

Presidency of ECOSOC – Tunisia (Chair)

Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA (Moderator)

Mrs. Mia A. Mottley, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Barbados

Mr. Keat Chhon Minister of Finance and Economy, Cambodia

Mr. Mekonnen Manyazewal, State Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

Mr. Richard Manning, Chair, OECD/DAC

Mr. Kim Hak-Su Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of UNESCAP

Dr. Ian Goldin, Vice President, World Bank

Mr. Bruce Jenks, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP