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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to present the SG's report.

UNOP administers UNFIP, UNDEF and Partnership Advisory Services

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP). UNFIP was established in 1998 to serve as the interface between the United Nations Foundation and the United Nations system. At the end of 2012, the cumulative allocations provided by the United Nations Foundation through UNFIP to projects implemented by the United Nations system reached approximately \$1.2 billion. The total number of United Nations projects and programmes supported through the end of 2012 by the Foundation through UNFIP stands at 534. Collectively, these projects have been implemented by 43 United Nations entities in 124 countries.

Largest part of funding has gone to polio, measles and Malaria campaigns. Also considerable work in women's empowerment and assisting adolescent girls. Worked in sustainable energy. And assisted SG with post-2015 agenda through funding for the special adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, Ms. Amina Mohammed.

United Nations Democracy Fund. The Fund was established by the Secretary-General in July 2005 to support democratization around the world. It focuses on strengthening the voice of civil society, promoting human rights and ensuring the participation of all groups in democratic processes. Through the Fund, the Office has channelled approximately \$110 million to more than 400 projects in 150 countries around the world, ranging from strengthening civil society leadership skills and promoting the participation of women and young people, to media programmes allowing civil society to project its voice.

UNDEF runs an annualised process and in 2012 conducted the sixth round of funding: 68 projects were funded, at a total cost of \$14,290,000.

The United Nations Democracy Fund launched its seventh round of project proposals in November 2012. When applications closed on 31 December 2012, the Fund had received 3,013 project proposals.

Advisory Board was appointed by the Secretary-General in January 2012 for a two-year term. The next Board will be appointed in January 2014.

## Partnership Advisory services and outreach.

These services were initiated in 2006 in response to the growing demand from the United Nations system, Governments and non-State actors on how best to develop and implement public private partnerships, The Office hosts high-impact events.

An example of its advisory services can be seen in its support for the **Permanent Memorial** at the United Nations to the Victims of Slavery and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade for which UNOP acts as the banker and adviser. Contributions totalled \$1,350,739.

UNOP hosts more than a dozen events each year, of which the following are examples:

**New York Forum AFRICA** and Dialogue for Action Africa in Libreville Gabon.

Over 700 corporate leaders from Africa and the rest of the world joined Heads of State, policy makers and globally recognized experts to create actions addressing key topics such as investments, governance and trade.

**Investor Summit on Climate Risk** and Energy Solutions brought 500 of the world's most influential financial actors gathered at the United Nations to discuss promising trends in the large-scale investment needed to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate potentially catastrophic climate impacts.

## **Social Innovation Summit 2012**

Participants included hundreds of Fortune 500 corporate executives, venture investors, government leaders, emerging market investors, foundation heads and social entrepreneurs, who gathered to discuss social challenges, analyse innovative approaches and build lasting partnerships that enable them and their organizations to bring about positive social change.