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**Follow-up to and implementation of the  
outcome of the International Conference  
on Financing for Development**

**Qatar: \*Draft resolution**

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International Conference on Financing for Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey Mexico from 18-22 March 2002, and its resolutions; 56/210B of 9 July 2002, 57/250 of 20 December 2002, 57/270B of 23 June 2003, 57/272 and 57/273 of 20 December 2002, and 58/230 of 23 December 2003, as well as Economic and Social Council Resolutions 2002/34 of 26 July 2002, 2003/47 of 24 July 2003, and 2004/---,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary General on the follow-up to and implementation of the International Conference on Financing for Development prepared in

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\* On behalf of the State Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

collaboration with the major institutional stakeholders,<sup>1</sup> and the note by the Secretary General on Innovative Sources of Financing for Development,<sup>2</sup>

*Having considered* the summary by the President of ECOSOC on its special high-level meeting of 26 April 2004,<sup>3</sup>

*Determined* to continue to implement and build further on the commitments made and agreements reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development, and to strengthen the coordinated and coherent engagement of all relevant stakeholders in the Financing for Development Process,

*Reiterating* the invitation to the World Trade Organization to strengthen its institutional relationship with the United Nations, particularly in the context of the Monterrey follow-up,

*Welcoming* international efforts aimed at identifying innovative and additional sources for financing development,

*Welcoming* in this regard, with satisfaction, the initiative launched by the Presidents of Brazil, France, Chile, and the President of the Government of Spain, with the support of the United Nations Secretary General, in New York on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 to convene a World Leaders' meeting on "Action against hunger and poverty", and the resulting New York Declaration which has been supported by 109 countries,

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<sup>1</sup> A/59/270

<sup>2</sup> A/59/272

<sup>3</sup> A/59/92-E/2004/73

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*Recognizing* the link between financing for development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Re-iterates* the call to fully implement and to build further on the commitments made and agreements reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development;

2. *Underlines*, in order to complement national development efforts, the importance of the full implementation of the commitment to enhance further the coherence and consistency of international monetary, financial and trading systems, and in this context requests the Secretary General to keep actions under review;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus at all levels, and *stresses also* the importance of their full participation in the Monterrey follow-up process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations and established modalities;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the Director of WTO, to build on the ad-hoc modality of interaction between the United Nations and WTO in the preparations of the International Conference on Financing for Development, to propose possible modalities to strengthen this relationship, including the participation of the United Nations in discussions on Financing for Development-related issues held in the context of WTO;

5. *Recognizes* the particular concerns of developing countries as acknowledged by world leaders in paragraph 28 of the Monterrey Consensus, and the importance and critical role that a universal, rule-based, open, non discriminatory and equitable trading

system would play in stimulating economic growth and development, particularly in the case of the developing countries, where trade continues to be one of the most important source of development financing. In this regard, while welcoming the World Trade Organization General Council decision of August 1, 2004, *stresses* the need to retain the development dimension in the negotiations as mandated by the Doha Work Programme;

6. *Underlines* the need to consider the establishment of innovative financial mechanisms for financing development, as appropriate, to support the efforts of developing countries to achieve sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

7. *Decides* to give further consideration to the subject of possible innovative sources of financing for development, including for the fight against hunger and poverty, during the periods of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, building in particular on the discussions initiated at the World Leaders Meeting, with a view to feeding into the High-level Plenary meeting to be held at the commencement of the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly as per Resolution 58/291. In this regard, requests ECOSOC to consider the issue of innovative sources of financing for development in its meetings to be held in 2005, including its high-level spring meeting;

8. *Re-affirms* the need to adopt policies and undertake measures to reduce the cost of transfer of migrant remittances to developing countries;

9. *Notes* that while foreign direct investment is a major source of financing development, the flow of such funds to developing countries remains uneven, and in this regard calls on developed countries to consider ways and means to stimulate source country measures to promote the flow of foreign direct investment, to complement

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domestic efforts undertaken by developing countries to create a conducive environment for attracting investment;

10. *Expresses* concern about the insufficient levels of ODA which are below the internationally agreed target of 0.7% of GNP, and *urges* the developed countries to fulfill this target as soon as possible, and in this regard *calls* for having enhanced and predictable aid flows to ensure the sustainability of development efforts of developing countries;

11. *Stresses* that debt relief must play a key role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and that the definition and calculation of debt sustainability should relate to a country's capacity to achieve its development goals; *stresses also* the need to recognize the country specific character of sustainability, to apply greater case by case flexibility in the setting and implementation of thresholds, and to consider debt scenarios in the face of possible external shocks, while linking more closely debt policy with growth and development, as recognized by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank;

12. *Notes* the lack of sufficient progress in the HIPC process dealing with the debt of low income countries, and in this regard welcomes proposals put forward calling for significant increases in grants and debt relief, including those that would provide up to 100% debt relief from the international financial institutions;

13. *Expresses* concern that the issue of strengthening the voice and effective participation of developing countries in the decision-making processes of the BWI's and WTO has not yet been adequately addressed, and in this regard invites these institutions to continue examining this issue through the implementation of the principles of full and equal participation in the respective decision-making processes;

14. Emphasizes that corruption at all levels is a serious barrier to development and to effective resource mobilization and allocation, reaffirms the commitment expressed in Monterrey to make the fight against corruption at all levels a priority, and *encourages* all Governments to combat corruption, bribery, money laundering, and the transfer of illicitly acquired funds and assets and to work for the return of such funds and assets to the countries of origin, and welcomes actions taken in that regard at the national and international levels;

15. *Decides* to consider, by the first part of 2005, the appropriate modalities for the holding of the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, taking into account the developments in the preparation for the 2005 high level event of the General Assembly;

16. *Decides also* to consider at the 2005 High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development the timing and modalities for a follow-up conference to review the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, as called for in paragraph 73 of the Consensus;

17. *Emphasizes* the need to have an effective inter-governmental follow-up mechanism for the International Conference on Financing for Development, and in this regard decides to consider the creation of an inter-governmental geographically balanced committee for the effective follow-up of the Monterrey process;

18. *Requests* ECOSOC to explore the adoption of a multi-year program of work for its high level spring meeting;

19. *Decides further* to include an item in its provisional agenda for its 60<sup>th</sup> session entitled “follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development”, and requests the Secretary General to submit under this item an annual analytical assessments on the state of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including the present resolution, to be prepared in full collaboration with the major institutional stakeholders;

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