

Review Session on Chapter A of the Monterrey Consensus

**Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development
Talking Points – 2/14/08**

1) Advance Accountable Governance

- a. Promote rule of law, gender equality and fiscal transparency to advance public access to government.
- b. Fully engage women in the decision making process, recognizing their crucial role in reducing poverty.
- c. Adopt stronger institutional protection against corruption and protect civil society efforts to combat corruption.
- d. Ratify and enforce by all countries “The UN International Convention against Corruption and against Transnational Organized Crime.”

2) Pro-Poor Public Spending Measures

- a. Direct targeted spending toward fiscal space for development and poverty eradication.
- b. Establish national development plans and budgets in an open and transparent manner.
- c. Prioritize public investment in basic infrastructure such as education, health and social safety nets as necessary for advancement of the social good.
- d. Recognize the crucial importance of gender and social budgeting as essential for pro-poor development.

3) Equitable and Effective Tax Systems

- a. Expand fiscal space and broaden tax base.
- b. Introduce sound progressive tax policies.
- c. Increase revenues through rents on natural resource industries, drawing assistance from the “Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.”
- d. Utilize pollution-abatement taxes to raise additional revenues.
- e. Reform tax policy to close tax havens, revise tax treaties and use revenue-raising tariffs more productively.

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