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on the Content for the Doha Review Outcome Document,
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I have the honour to speak on behalf of European Union.

Distinguished Co-facilitators,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our views on the contents for the outcome document for Doha Review Conference on Financing for Development.

As already stated during informal consultations on resolution 62/187 last fall, the European Union is of the opinion that the outcome of the Doha Review Conference should be short and political in nature. While our focus on the content and well balanced text of the document should be the priority, we believe that its length should not exceed 5-6 pages.

The objectives of the Doha Review Conference are well defined in resolution 62/187: "to assess the progress made, reaffirm goals and commitments, share best practices and lessons learnt and identify obstacles and constraints encountered, actions and initiatives to overcome them and important measures for further implementations as well as challenges and emerging issues".

In that respect, the European Union underscores that the Doha Review Conference must strongly reaffirm the Monterrey Consensus as the foundation of global partnership for development. All six chapters of the Monterrey Consensus are equally important and represent a balanced consensus that remains intact. The review must not reopen or renegotiate the Consensus or its wording. It should be action-oriented and should reflect in a balanced way the responsibilities and commitments of both developed and developing countries, taking fully into account the primary responsibility of partner countries for their own development.

Distinguished Co-facilitators,

As the Informal Review Sessions of the Monterrey Consensus have demonstrated much progress and positive results have been achieved since 2002. Many new initiatives and instruments have been developed in order to address the challenges of financing for development. At the same time, the review sessions also recognized that the implementation of some parts of the Consensus lacked the desired speed, and that the financing for development should take into account new emerging issues. We also continue to believe that an enabling domestic environment is vital for mobilizing domestic resources, increasing productivity, reducing capital flight, encouraging the private sector, and attracting and making effective use of international investment and assistance.

The European Union expects that the Doha Review Outcome document should strongly reaffirms the goals and commitments of Monterrey Consensus; express our continued

commitment to internationally agreed development goals, including Millennium Development Goals; and encourage additional efforts to improve good governance in all its forms.

Among other things, the Outcome document should reflect primary role of domestic resources in development and complementarity of international resources and international assistance; and state the importance of gender equality for development. The outcome document should moreover identify key issues that have arisen since the adoption of the Monterrey Consensus, such as global public goods, climate change, food crisis, and the changing landscape of the global efforts for development, i.e. the diversification of actors in development cooperation. In that context it should address the special needs of post-conflict countries and fragile states and reflect the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, including its principles and include the reference of the Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (September 2008) and other high level meetings.

Distinguished Co-facilitators,

The European Union is in the final stages of elaborating its views on the more detailed elements for the Outcome document. We should finish our deliberations in the next few days and will be able to share them with you in the coming days.

Thank you.