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STATEMENT

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**INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE CONTENTS OF THE OUTCOME
DOCUMENT OF THE FOLLOW-UP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
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Distinguished co-facilitators,

Once again the Rio Group welcomes the convening of these two rounds of informal consultations on the format of the document we wish to see for Doha. These rounds of consultations, like the informal review sessions of the Monterrey Consensus, should be inclusive, transparent and assure participation of all interested parties on financing for Development.

Distinguished co-facilitators,

The Rio Group understands that the cycle of two sessions organized by the co-facilitators is not intended to begin an examination that could be substantive content for the Doha document; thus the points of interest expressed by the Group on this occasion deal more with matters of format and structure of the final document of the Doha Conference.

In this connection, the Group stresses that General Assembly Resolution 62/187 of 19 December 2007 states that the Doha Review Conference should produce an inter-governmentally-agreed final document, as well as a report that includes summaries of the plenary sessions and of the round table deliberations.

The General Assembly Resolution reiterates that the conference should evaluate achieved progress, reaffirm fixed results and objectives, facilitate the exchange of best practices and experiences acquired and identify obstacles and difficulties encountered, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome them and other important measures to continue moving forward, like new problems and questions that may arise.

In this context, the Rio Group wishes to express its absolute confidence in that – both the co-facilitators and the President of the General Assembly – will carry out all the necessary actions so that the elements mentioned in the preceding paragraph are captured in the structure of the negotiated Doha document, as well as the following elements that the Group would like to share:

Distinguished co-facilitators,

On the formal structure of the document, the Rio Group would prefer that it preserve an integrated and holistic view of the issues linked to financing for development – a principle that constitutes the central core of the added value that the Monterrey Consensus contributed to financing for development.

Doha is a great opportunity to reaffirm the main political commitments acquired in Monterrey. It is also an occasion to evaluate what all relevant actors have done for financing for development; States, international organizations, the private sector and civil society.

As mentioned, the Rio Group prefers an integrated examination of financing for development and, in this sense, a review by sections that covers all aspects of the Monterrey Consensus. This, in the view of the Group, would be a more adequate approach.

A **First Section** should be dedicated to reaffirming the main agreed political commitments, carry out an analysis of what has been done, highlight lessons learned, identify obstacles and challenges as well as emerging issues, maintaining an adequate balance of all areas contained in the Monterrey Consensus.

A **Second Section** should study the issue of concrete measures to overcome obstacles and challenges indicated in the previous section. It should specify – to the extent possible – those charged with fulfilling these measures and certain indicators that may facilitate their ensuing evaluation.

A **Third Section** should be reserved for the follow-up mechanism of the Monterrey Consensus and of the commitments made in Doha.

On this matter, the Group hopes to make very soon a concrete contribution on how to improve or strengthen the current follow-up mechanism of financing for development. The Group considers that this issue is of vital importance to safeguard the added value of the Monterrey Consensus.

Distinguished co-facilitators,

The Rio Group believes that the arrangement to be adopted to improve the efficiency of the follow-up mechanism on financing for development must be:

Comprehensive: It should encompass analysis of all elements connected with financing for development, identifying challenges and principal obstacles in each of the areas and new and emerging issues, in an interconnected and systemic manner, since they are all interrelated and mutually reinforcing.

Ongoing: There should be at least annual follow-up of commitments regarding financing for development.

Multisectoral: All players concerned with financing for development should be involved: States through the various ministries and national public agencies dealing with the issue, international organizations, civil society and the private sector.

Dynamic and interactive: Events connected with the follow-up mechanism should encourage interactive debate among all stakeholders in order to achieve action-oriented results.

Making rational use of resources: Full use should be made of existing forums and resources and duplication of efforts should be avoided, so that all concerned players can provide inputs into the process.

Democratic: The mechanism must ensure suitable representation of all players, especially States, in order to ensure the legitimacy of its actions and results

Balanced: The mechanism must consist of representatives reflecting the different visions of financing for development, maintaining a correct balance as regards the number of these visions and the number of their representatives.

Distinguished co-facilitators,

The Rio Group wishes to reiterate its confidence that the elements referenced here today, as those expressed in previous sessions, are duly considered in the summaries of the President and taken into account in the elaboration of the Draft Zero of the negotiation process of the Doha outcome document.

Finally, the G-Rio hopes that a second round of consultations be held on the format of the document, as proposed by the co-facilitators this past 20 May, so that the different groups may react to the proposals and add new elements that may enrich the format of the Draft Zero.

Thanks you very much.-