

## Other new challenges and emerging issues

59. We recognize that multiple challenges have emerged in eradicating poverty, achieving sustained economic growth and promoting sustainable development. Some of these key challenges that the world community faces today include substantial and persistent global imbalances; volatile capital flows and unstable exchange rate markets; large and abrupt price fluctuations in international markets of key commodities, slowing global economic growth; and increased costs from damage to the Earth's environment and climate change. **The world economy could be on the brink of a recession.** We reaffirm our resolve to take concerted global action to address all these **challenges and to ensure that we avoid any such recession** areas, while consistently furthering economic and human development for all.

59 bis: We recognize that the current multiple crises, **particularly including** the financial crisis ~~in particular that have~~ **have produced a severe shock and pushing the** pushed the global economy **into recession and adversely impacting on the development efforts of developing countries.** ~~to the verge of collapse and global recession,~~ **We underscore highlights** the need for the international community to remain fully engaged in reinvigorating the global partnership for development to effectively address these complex and daunting development challenges. We recognize that the UN should play a leading role in this regard.

59 ter: The escalating financial crisis, **which has also revealed the fundamental structural weaknesses of the international financial system,** ~~is projected to create a vicious downward spiral leading to recessions.~~ This can reverse the development achievements of developing countries **and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals including the MDGs.** ~~World's leading economies~~ **We** must adopt comprehensive, decisive and urgent action to address the current financial crisis with a view to ensuring that the sustained growth of the world economy and development efforts of the developing countries is not affected. In addition to immediate rehabilitation, it is also essential to address the deep-rooted weaknesses in risk management and regulation in the financial sector of the major economies.

61. We also underscore the special challenges emerging from international **volatility in** commodity markets, particularly **as manifested in** the ~~abrupt rise in~~ food and energy **crises** prices. We will mobilize additional multilateral and bilateral resources to assist developing countries, particularly the least developed and those that are most affected by high food and energy prices, in coping with the consequences of these higher prices, while at the same time recognizing the necessity, **inter alia,** of a substantial expansion in food production, **scaling up investments in the agricultural sector and intensifying research. We also stress the necessity to eliminate trade distorting agricultural subsidies by developed countries. is essential to allow new producers especially in**

**the developing world to participate in the world food market.** We reiterate that the global food crisis has multiple and complex causes and that its consequences require a comprehensive and coordinated response in the short, medium and long term by national Governments and the international community **including the continued engagement of the United Nations system with Member States.** We also take note of the establishment by the Secretary-General of the

**High-level Task Force on the Global Food Crisis, and encourage its continued engagement with United Nations Member States.**

62. We reiterate the need for gender mainstreaming in the formulation and implementation of development policies, including financing for development policies, by all stakeholders of the Monterrey Consensus. It is also necessary that, when designing and implementing development strategies, due and full attention be paid to overall social development concerns and goals, including the social development aspects contained in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields.

63. **We recognized that** in middle-income countries, substantial pockets of poverty persist. We acknowledge the efforts to bring to light the particular development challenges faced by middle-income countries at the conferences held in Spain, El Salvador and Namibia on international development cooperation with middle-income countries. We the United Nations system, **the international financial institutions including the** Bretton Woods institutions and all other stakeholders **to provide greater support to middle income countries bearing in mind** to enhance their role in addressing the special developmental needs of these countries.

**Staying engaged**

64. We recommit to staying fully engaged, nationally, regionally and internationally, to ensuring proper follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha outcome document, and to continuing to build bridges between all relevant stakeholders, ~~both institutional and non-institutional~~, within the holistic agenda of the financing for development process.

65. **We reaffirm that** a robust and credible process of follow-up **to the implementation of the financing for development Conferences** is critical to continued progress in the financing for development process. **In this regard, we decide to set up an improved and strengthened mechanism for the follow-up which would review progress in the implementation of the commitments, identify obstacles, challenges and emerging issues, and propose concrete recommendations and actions and request the President of the General Assembly to convene, no later than March of 2009, open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations for finalizing the modalities of this mechanism during the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the GA.**

~~We acknowledge the need to consider and set up, as appropriate, a more effective intergovernmental structure to carry out this task with the support of the Financing for Development Office, taking into account various proposals that have been put forward in this regard. We request the Economic and Social Council to consider these proposals in depth at its 2009 spring high-level meeting with the international financial and trade institutions, with a view to making appropriate and timely recommendations for final action by the General Assembly.~~

66. We will consider the need **decide** to hold a follow-up conference by 2013.