



**PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



**Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic  
of Egypt to the United Nations**

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Excellency,

We write to you today further to our letter of 25 January 2008 outlining the modalities of the first two review sessions held on 14 and 15 February 2008 in the preparation of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, to be held in Doha, Qatar from 29 November to 2 December 2008, and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/187.

Based on the positive feedback we have received from member states and other stakeholders on the format in which the first two sessions were held, and in order to ensure a productive interactive dialogue, the next two review sessions scheduled from 10-12 March 2008 on Chapters V (External Debt) and VI (Addressing systemic issues: enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial, and trading systems in support of development) of the Monterrey Consensus will be held according to the same format. The review of each chapter will start by a panel discussion organized in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, comprising five panelists from developed and developing countries and relevant stakeholders, with a view to introduce the topics under discussion and assess progress made, share best practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered. Following the panel discussion a debate among Member States, with the participation of relevant accredited stakeholders involved in the Financing for Development process will take place, whereby interventions by participants should focus on proposed actions and initiatives for further implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, as well as on new challenges and emerging issues.

To provide for a free-flowing and interactive discussion, no list of speakers will be established in advance of the review sessions. The Co-Chairs will call upon participants as they signify their desire to speak. **In view of time constraints, the panelists will speak for a duration of 15 minutes each, and interventions by members states and stakeholders should not exceed 5 minutes each.** Background information, written statements, position papers and other inputs are welcome and can be made available at the meetings. The President of the General Assembly will issue summaries of the review sessions.

Composition of the panels and further details of the review sessions will be updated regularly on the website of the Financing for Development Office at [www.un.org/esa/ffd](http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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