



The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

22 February 2008

Excellency,

On the basis of additional consultations, and in an effort to meet, as much as possible, all concerns raised, while avoiding delaying the preparations for the meeting, I wish to inform you that I have taken a decision regarding the substantive focus of the Special high-level meeting of ECOSOC with the BWIs, WTO and UNCTAD, as follows:

Overall theme - "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, including new challenges and emerging issues".

Four parallel roundtable discussions in the morning will address the following sub-themes:

- 1. New initiatives on financing for development;**
- 2. Supporting development efforts and enhancing the role of middle-income countries, including in the area of trade;**
- 3. Supporting development efforts of least developed countries, including through trade capacity building**
- 4. Financing of climate change mitigation and adaptation.**

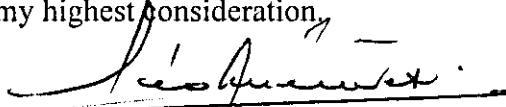
The informal interactive dialogue in the afternoon would be held in the form of a thematic debate on "**Building and sustaining solid financial markets: challenges for international cooperation**".

The understanding is that sub-theme 1 would also include the area of innovative sources of financing for development.

I am confident these topics will ensure that the dialogue in the Council on 14 April engages all relevant stakeholders and adds real value to the policy debate.

In view of the above, there may be no further need for informal consultations, as I had originally planned.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,


Léo Méroès

To: ECOSOC Members