SUBSTANTIVE REPORT FOR 2011

TITLE OF FUND: Trust Fund to Support Activities to the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (HIA)

IMPLEMENTED BY: Financing for Development Office (FFDO)/Department for Economic and Social Affairs

OBJECTIVES: To support the follow-up process to the International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002)

ACTIVITIES FUNDED:

(a) Consultants: fee for preparing six papers customizing national development strategy papers for the Arab world;

(b) Contractual printing and other services, including: (a) publishing 250 copies of customized Arabic book on National Development Strategies: Policy Notes; and (b) purchase of 200 copies of a book entitled “Realizing the Development Potential of Diasporas”;

(c) Travel of representatives to attend official events of the FfD follow-up process, including: (a) consultations between the ECOSOC Bureau and the Executive Boards of the World Bank and IMF (1 March 2011, Washington DC); (b) Panel Discussion on “Building on Istanbul: Financial support for development efforts of LDCs”, held during ECOSOC Coordination Segment (12 July 2011, Geneva);

(d) Travel of staff to attend multi-stakeholder consultations, conferences, regional meetings and other events on the follow-up to the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration on Financing for Development and representation of DESA at various meetings on FfD-related matters.

OUTPUTS:

The above-mentioned extra budgetary activities supported the following outputs as listed in the Proposed Programme Budget for the biennium 2010-2011:
9.85 (a) (ii) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual spring meetings of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD on financing for development; consultations between representatives of the Council and directors of executive boards of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organization on follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and preparations for annual spring meetings between those institutions; formal meetings, informal consultations and panel discussions of the Council on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development and related issues within substantive session for 2011; 9.85 (a) (ii) b. Parliamentary documentation: multi-stakeholder reports for the annual spring meetings of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD on financing for development; report on the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its fourth session; 9.85 (a) (iii) a. Substantive servicing of meetings: seventh session of the Committee; intersessional meetings of its subcommittees and working groups; 9.85 (b) Other substantive activities: (ii) Non-recurrent publications: outcomes of multi-stakeholder consultations on financing for development; (vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars and interactive discussions with the participation of Governments, institutional and non-institutional stakeholders (civil society and the private sector) on financing for development; (c) (ii) regional seminars/workshops, organized in cooperation with the United Nations regional commissions (Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia) and regional development banks, with the participation of representatives of relevant institutional and non-institutional stakeholders, on region-specific policy issues related to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and its follow-up; training courses/workshops for officials and practitioners from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for national capacity-building in selected areas of financial sector development and fiscal management.