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Excellency,

**INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE PLENARY ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE  
SUMMIT OUTCOME ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECOSOC REFORM**

We would like to thank delegations for the highly constructive spirit in which our discussions yesterday on ECOSOC reform were conducted. As a result of the inputs we heard during the discussion, and the papers which have been circulated to date, we have a good basis from which to prepare a paper containing elements of a draft resolution. We will circulate such a paper before our next discussions on ECOSOC reform which are scheduled for 20 December.

Meanwhile, we can confirm that our next informal consultations, on 13 December, will focus on development follow-up.

At our first consultation, we agreed that we should aim for a GA Resolution that would set out the architecture for follow-up to ensure the prompt and effective implementation of our development objectives, and would call on the actors of the UN system and all relevant stakeholders to live up to their responsibilities, within their respective mandates, to follow up on the Outcome Document's conclusions. There was a widely held view that our focus needed to be on ensuring implementation. There was also an understanding on the part of many delegations that our development objectives comprise the development commitments in the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals.

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At our second consultation, we had some exchanges on the overview briefing given by representatives of agencies and institutions of the work they are doing to ensure that the major internationally agreed goals and commitments on development are achieved and implemented and the way they are cooperating and coordinating in this endeavor. The agencies and institutions present provided us with detailed accounts of the work they are doing, both at country and global levels. There were widespread calls, both from the agencies and Member States, for the avoidance of duplication and the effective use of existing mechanisms for follow-up.

In order to gain further views from Member States which might enable us to proceed to the preparation of elements of a draft resolution, we have prepared the attached issues paper in the hope that it will provide a useful basis for our discussions.

It would be helpful if delegations could structure their interventions on 13 December along the lines suggested in the issues paper. The list of issues is indicative and delegations may, of course, wish to raise other issues.

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



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