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Excellency,


I have the honour to inform you about a follow-up to the informal thematic debate, 'Partnerships to achieve the Millennium Development Goals', which took place in the General Assembly on 27 November 2006. At that debate the Government of the State of Qatar kindly offered to host a follow-up meeting, in Doha, Qatar.

The follow-up meeting entitled '**Financing Development to achieve the MDGs**', will take place on 17 and 18 June 2007. The meeting is part of the continuous efforts of General Assembly to foster development worldwide. It has a special significance as we reach the mid-point for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. So far progress has been mixed. To achieve the MDGs by 2015, concerted global action is required by all stakeholders.

The meeting could also serve as an input to the preparatory process of the 'Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus', to be held in Doha in the second half of 2008.

In light of the importance to all Member States of achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, I trust Member States will ensure full and active participation at this event, including as appropriate, through the participation of Ministers, in particular those responsible for international development, planning and international cooperation. I would be grateful if you could communicate to me at your earliest convenience the level of your country's participation, in order to facilitate the appropriate arrangements. A preliminary agenda for the meeting is attached.

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

  
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