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UN General Assembly

Thematic debate

'Recognizing the achievements, addressing the challenges
and getting back on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015'

KEY POINTS OF A STATEMENT

- These days the challenge in timely achieving the MDGs lies not only in apparent shortage of adequate and sufficient resources for development or in insufficiently determined political will to affect a critical positive change in global development, but also in the need to face measures of unilateral economic coercion taken by some Member States which create a purposeful obstacle to the successful movement towards MDGs.
- UN may wish to see **promotion of the atmosphere of non-acceptance of politically motivated pressure and unilateral economic coercion** in relations between Member States as a significant factor of facilitation of the global progress towards MDGs.
- UN Secretary-General has an adequate mandate to engage actively with Member States in deploring unfairly restricted access to markets of developed countries, export subsidies, unilateral politically driven sanctions and other steps which undermine economic development. The Secretary-General should let the UN position on this matter known to Member States which impose such measures.
- UN funds and programmes should render technical and other assistance to programme countries **to help minimise and mitigate the consequences of application of unilateral economic sanctions by providing expertise and recommendations on the ways of adequate adaptation and response to such measures.**