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Excellency,

**System-wide Coherence**

You will recall at our most recent consultations on Gender, on 16 May 2008, we anticipated further open consultations on the same topic in June. We propose to hold these further, open consultations on 16 June from 10.00 to 13.00 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for member States to continue discussions, specifically in light of the 'Note on the United Nations System Support to Member States on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment' which was prepared by the Secretariat, in response to the request agreed at the most recent open consultations on 16 May. The Note was circulated to member States by the President of the General Assembly on Friday 6 June, 2008.

The Note outlines the main substantive, programmatic aspects of the work on Gender within the UN System including the major achievements, as well as the gaps and challenges which remain. At our consultations on 16 June, Deputy Secretary-General Migiro will introduce the Note which we anticipate will provide a useful basis from which to continue our discussions, with a view to achieving progress.

Yours sincerely;

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