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All Permanent Representatives and
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Excellency,

Mandate Review: Co-Chairs' recommendations

We present for your consideration recommendations on the Development of Africa cluster of mandates. These recommendations are based on our preliminary analysis as co-chairs, and on feedback provided by Member States. At our next informal consultations, scheduled for 14 July in the Trusteeship Chamber, we shall seek your response and agreement to these.

As we foreshadowed in our last meeting, a 'Questions and Answers' paper has now been prepared and is available on the website of the President of the General Assembly: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/issues/MandateReview.shtml>

In keeping with the established process of the last cluster, once there is agreement by Member States, we propose to submit a report (attaching the recommendations) to the President of the General Assembly. We would ask him to convey this to the Secretary-General, requesting him to report back on any financial and operational implications of the recommendations. This would allow Member States at a later stage to take a final decision on the basis of both the recommendations and any additional information provided by the Secretary-General.

We take this opportunity to thank Member States for their support and cooperation to date in this important exercise of mandate review.

Yours sincerely,

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