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Excellency,

Delegations will recall that in our previous statements as Co-Chairs on System-wide Coherence and in response to the interest expressed by member States, we undertook to arrange a briefing for the General Assembly members, on the work underway in connection with the harmonisation of business practices within the UN System.

Further to this request we have arranged a briefing with Ms Thoraya Obaid, in her capacity as Chairwoman of the High Level Committee on Management of the Chief Executives Board (CEB) and Mr Adnan Amin, Director of the Chief Executives Board (CEB). The purpose of the briefing would be to provide member States with an update on recent progress, specifically in light of the decisions adopted at the CEB meeting, in Berne, at the end of April. Ms Obaid will give a presentation on the work of the High Level Committee on Management (HLCM). Mr Amin will provide any further details as may be appropriate. We would envisage having a question and answer session after the presentations.

The briefing will be held on Friday 13 June between 11.00 and 1.00 in Conference Room 2.

We look forward to an informative and interactive discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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