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Excellency,

System-wide Coherence

Please find enclosed a copy of the initial and closing joint statements which we delivered at the open consultations on Funding aspects held on Monday, 7 April 2008.

As you will observe, we used the occasion to address – we hope in an attentive, fair and balanced manner – various requests for clarification which have been put to the Co-Chairs from the membership, including with regard to substance and procedure.

We would like to thank member States for the many expressions of support and encouragement which we have received from all segments of the membership. These will be of great value to us as we continue with our challenging assignment.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Augustine Mahiga
Permanent Representative of the United
Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations

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