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Permanent Mission of the Republic
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All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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Excellency,

Mandate review: Africa development cluster

At our informal consultations on 25 July we agreed to circulate an amended version of the original recommendations document sent to you on 23 July. This is attached.

Three changes to the original text have been made;

- (a) three mandates previously listed as red have been set aside as there was no agreement on their appropriate categorisation; it is noted that no decision was therefore taken on these
- (b) the recommendation on how to address errors in the Mandate Registry by updating the Registry has been amended
- (c) a general reference to implementation gaps and challenges has been added

Can we invite any further comments on the amended document by noon on Thursday 31 July. We shall then regard this document as having been agreed and representing provisional decisions on this cluster.

In keeping with the established process of the last cluster, we would then submit the agreed recommendations on the African Cluster 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.

Yours sincerely,

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