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Excellency,

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of a successful outcome to the Review of the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus in Doha, Qatar from 29 November to 2 December 2008. The full implementation of the Monterrey Consensus is crucial to the future of the United Nations development agenda.

In accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 62/187 of December 19, 2007, please find attached (Annex A) the proposed work programme for the preparatory process for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus. To avoid overlaps the timetable takes into account other significant UN meetings on economic and social issues during 2008. The work program includes six review sessions on the thematic chapters of the Monterrey Consensus and interactive hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector. The review sessions are a joint endeavour among all stakeholders and will form an integral part of the substantive preparations leading up to the Review Conference. It is up to all of us to make them a success.

The engagement of all partners is critical on the 'road to Doha'. I would therefore encourage all Member States, and relevant stakeholders, to actively contribute to each of the review sessions to ensure substantive interactive dialogues on all relevant issues. The review session should focus on progress made and obstacles encountered to implement the Monterrey, as well as new challenges and emerging issues.

A panel format organised by the Financing for Development Office would be a helpful way of introducing the topics to be discussed at each review session. In this regard, I would welcome suggestions and nominations from Member States for moderators and panellists for each session. Furthermore, the review sessions would benefit, where appropriate, from the participation of relevant experts from capitals to enrich the discussion on some of the more technical issues.

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Finally, and to further facilitate the process leading up to Doha, I would also encourage Member States to give due consideration to making additional contributions to the Financing for Development Trust Fund.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Annex A

Preliminary Financing for Development Work Programme for 2008

- February: **14th: Review Session on Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus, “Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development”**
 15th: Review Session on Chapter II, “Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows”
- March: **10th and morning session of 11th: Review session on Chapter V, “External Debt”**
 11th afternoon session and 12th: Review Session on Chapter VI, “Addressing systemic issues: enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial, and trading systems in support of development”
- April: **15th-16th: Review session on Chapter IV, “Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development”**
- May: **19th-20th: Review session on Chapter III, “International trade as an engine for development”**
- June **18: FfD Hearings with Civil Society and Business Sector**
- July: **Second week: Secretary-General’s FfD report (advance English version) is issued**
 Last week: draft outcome document circulated by President of the General Assembly
- September: **8th: discussions begin on draft outcome document until end of 62nd session of General Assembly**
- October: **Discussions continue on draft outcome document after conclusion of General Debate**
- Nov.-Dec.: **Conclusion of discussions on outcome document**
 29/11-2/12: DOHA REVIEW CONFERENCE

* Regional Economic Commissions in coordination with the Financing for Development Office will also organize five regional consultations during the first half of the year.