



PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
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Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic
of Egypt to the United Nations

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Excellency,

Further to the letter of 10 January 2008 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to all Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations regarding the programme of work for the preparation of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, to be held in Doha, Qatar from 29 November to 2 December 2008, and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/187, the President's letter encloses a timetable of six review sessions on the thematic chapters of the Monterrey Consensus and invites all Member States and relevant stakeholders to actively contribute to each of the review sessions that will form an integral part of the substantive preparations leading up to the Review Conference.

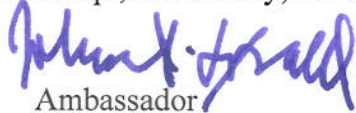
In order to ensure productive interactive dialogues on all relevant issues, the first two review sessions scheduled on 14 and 15 February 2008 will each include an initial panel discussion in the morning organized in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, comprising four panelists from developed and developing countries and relevant stakeholders, with a view to introduce the topics under discussion and assess progress made, share best practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered.

The morning session will be followed by a debate in the afternoon among Member States, with the participation of relevant accredited stakeholders involved in the Financing for Development process, whereby interventions by participants should focus on proposed actions and initiatives for further implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, as well as on new challenges and emerging issues.

To provide for a free-flowing, interactive discussion, no list of speakers will be established in advance of the review sessions. The Co-Chairs will call upon participants as they signify their desire to speak. In view of time constraints, the panelists will speak for a duration of 15 minutes each, and interventions should not exceed 5 minutes each. Background information, written statements, position papers and other inputs are welcome and can be made available at the meetings. The President of the General Assembly will issue summaries of the review sessions.

Composition of the panels and further details of the review sessions will be updated regularly on the website of the Financing for Development Office at www.un.org/esa/ffd.

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



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