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Excellency,

As you will be aware, on 20 February 2009 the President of the General Assembly appointed us as Co-Chairs to facilitate the process of consultations on the System-wide Coherence. In his letter of appointment, the President of the General Assembly expressed his expectation that substantive progress would be achieved on System-wide Coherence during the 63rd session of the General Assembly.

In exercise of the mandate that has been conferred on us, it is our purpose to take this issue forward in a results oriented manner and consistent with General Assembly resolution 62/277, adopted by consensus on 15 September 2008.

To that end, we are pleased to convene a first informal meeting of Member States on 13 March, at 10.30 am, at the ECOSOC Chamber. The Secretary-General will address Member States on this occasion.

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

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