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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Mr. Secretary General  
Mr. President  
Excellencies  
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of my colleague and Co-Chair, Ambassador Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo, I would like to welcome you to the General Assembly informal consultations on the System-wide Coherence following the adoption of Resolution 62/277 of 2008. The resolution provides that the work of the General Assembly on System-wide Coherence will focus exclusively and in an integrated manner on “Delivering as One” at country and regional levels, harmonization of business practices, funding, governance and gender equality and the empowerment of women.

I would like to thank the President of the General Assembly for the trust he has placed in us to move forward this important and challenging task. I also like to point out that the President of the General Assembly has high expectations of action oriented outcome during this session. I am reassured that this goal can be achieved with the cooperation of all Member States.

General Assembly resolution 62/277 of 2008:

“Requests the Secretary-General, drawing on the resources and expertise of the United Nations system and building on the outcome of its triennial comprehensive policy review, to provide to Member States substantive papers on the issues of funding and governance, as those issues arise in the context of system-wide coherence, with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the 63<sup>rd</sup> session.”

The same resolution also:

“Welcomes in this overall context, the paper on “Institutional options to strengthen United Nations work on gender equality and the empowerment of women”, which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July 2008, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a further, detailed modalities paper in respect of the options set out in the Deputy Secretary-General’s paper, covering funding, governance structure, staffing, specific functions, relationship with the Commission on the Status of Women and other relevant bodies and, having regard to the totality of views expressed by Member States in informal plenary consultations on 8 September 2008, focusing in particular on the “composite entity” options with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session”.

Finally, I would like to express our gratitude to our predecessors the Permanent Representative of Ireland, Ambassador Kavangh and the Permanent Representative of Tanzania, Ambassador Mahiga for their ground breaking work in this endeavor.

For our part, the Permanent Representative of Spain and I are ready and committed to engage with all Member States in a transparent and inclusive manner to ensure a positive outcome.