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Excellency,

As you may recall, in our first plenary informal consultations on System-wide Coherence on 13 March, we shared with delegations our intention to conduct plenary informal consultations on the papers requested by the General Assembly resolution A/RES/62/277 as they are provided by the Secretary General.

On 17 April the paper entitled “Strengthening governance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for enhanced system-wide coherence” was transmitted to Member States. We are therefore pleased to convene plenary informal consultations on that paper on **Friday 24 April from 10.00h to 13.00h in the ECOSOC Chamber**. Details on organizational arrangements of the meeting will appear in the Journal in due course. The Deputy Secretary-General, Mrs. Migiro, will address the meeting and present the paper.

In that perspective, we would like to recall that on the issue of Governance, the conclusions and recommendations of our predecessors, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Tanzania (as attached to the resolution A/RES/62/277), were as follows:

“As for intergovernmental governance at the central level, we have detected no palpable appetite in the General Assembly for establishing new intergovernmental bodies, including the putative Sustainable Development Board which was recommended by the High-Level Panel. At the same time the new realities emerging from a growing number of developing countries applying the “Delivering as one” approach at the country

level will need to be accommodated and addressed more effectively by the existing boards and not least by the Economic and Social Council. In the light of the ongoing and emerging nature of the “Delivering as one” approach, it may be necessary to continue and to deepen discussion of these issues during the sixty-third session”.

In order to continue and deepen the discussions on Governance during the 63rd session, it is our understanding that this process should remain focused on the United Nations operational activities for development, always bearing in mind that our ultimate goal is to improve the effectiveness of the delivery of development assistance.

In this endeavor, one of our main tasks will be how to deal effectively with the impact that current developments in the field can have at Headquarters’ level. The important consensus reached on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR) resolution A/RES/62/208 should always remain a critical reference in our debates. Finally, in order to have focused and results-oriented discussions on 24 April, we encourage delegations to concentrate their attention on the section of the paper entitled “Possible options for way forward”.

Last but not least, we have been informed by the Secretariat that the paper on Funding should be ready by the end of April. Upon the release of the paper, plenary informal consultations of the General Assembly will be convened as appropriate.

We look forward to a positive and fruitful discussion next Friday.

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



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