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Excellency,

As you recall, on 8 February 2010 we sent to all Member States a letter containing the work plan regarding the consultative process on System-wide Coherence. The updated version of the work plan alongside with other relevant documents is available on the website of the President of the General Assembly – <http://www.un.org/ga/president/64/issues/swc.shtml>. According to the updated work plan deliberations on Cluster 4 “Delivering-as-One” will start with an informal interactive session on Wednesday, 10 March 2010, at 3.00 pm. The basis for this discussion is section VI of the Secretary-General’s report A/64/589.

A briefing on the arrangements for the Independent Evaluation of Delivering as One country pilots will be provided by the UN Secretariat. Member States will also hear a briefing about the outcome of the Intergovernmental Meeting of the Programme Country Pilots on “Delivering as One”, which was held in Kigali, Rwanda from 19 to 21 October 2009 regarding the ongoing evaluations being done by the programme countries hosting the pilots.

The aforementioned informal interactive session will also consider the proposal of the Secretary-General presented in section II of the same report, on modalities for the submission and approval of Common Country Programmes on a voluntary basis.

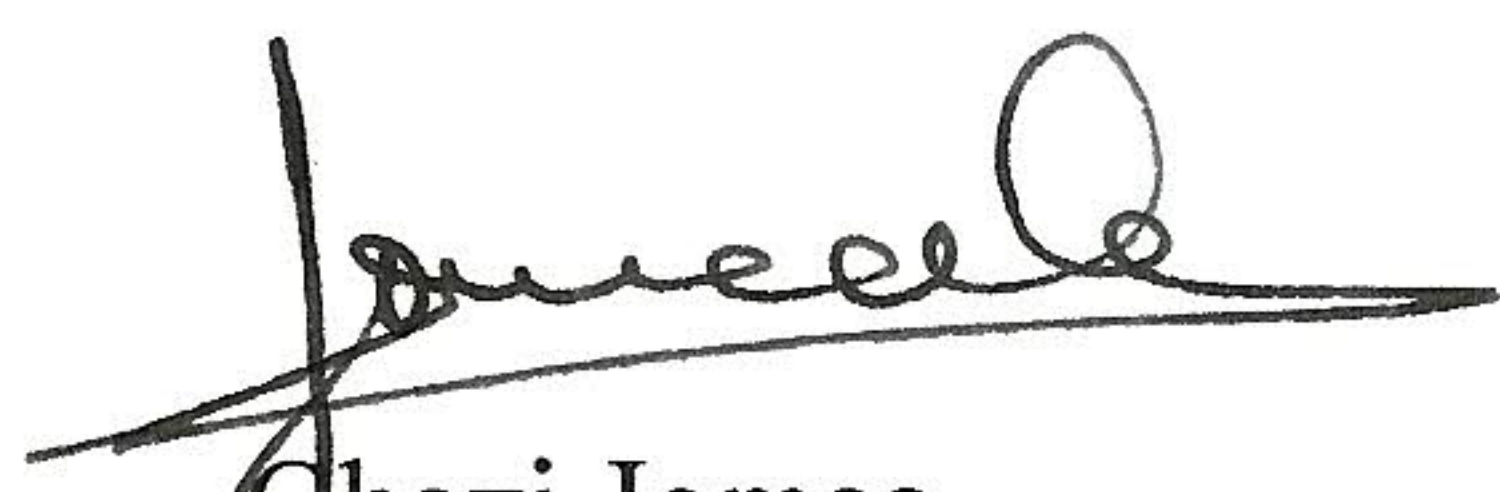
The purpose of this meeting is to listen to Member States’ views on the issues as outlined below:

1. Will the arrangement for the Independent Evaluation provide the necessary basis for member states’ reflection on the Delivering as One country pilots?
2. What should be the linkage between the programme countries’ own evaluation and the Independent Evaluation of the whole initiative done on behalf of all member states?

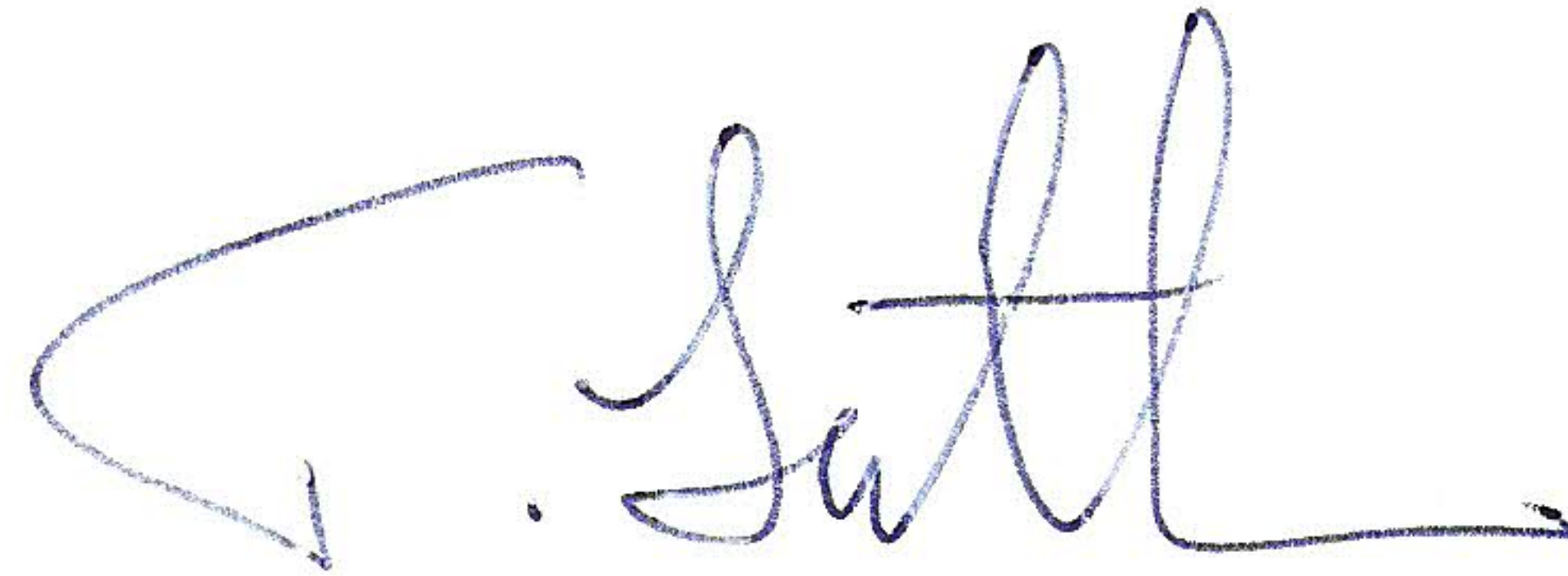
3. Do the options for submission and approval of Common Country Programmes on a voluntary basis provide what member states were looking for in their request in paragraph 7 of the General Assembly resolution A/RES/63/311?

As reflected in the updated work plan, following the first informal interactive session on 10 March 2010, informal-informal consultation(s) will be held as needed.

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



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