



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 October 2009

Excellency,

As you are aware, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 62/209 of 19 December 2007 and the 64/1 of 6 October 2009, the High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 1-3 December 2009. Being held 30 years after the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, this landmark Conference will have as its overarching theme "Promotion of South-South Cooperation for Development".

Further to the invitation of the Secretary General for your Government participation in the Conference at highest possible level, I wish to draw your kind attention to paragraph 11 of resolution 64/1 which "*Encourages all Member States and other relevant stakeholders that are in a position to do so to consider supporting the participation of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, including by making voluntary contributions through the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation*".

I wish also to recall to your Excellency that in its Resolution 60/212 of 22 December 2005, the General Assembly designated the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation as "the main United Nations trust fund for promoting and supporting South-South and triangular cooperation."

The Special Unit for South-South Cooperation within UNDP, in its role as provider of substantive and technical support to the preparatory and substantive process of the Conference, has already approached a number of countries for this purpose and a number of them have indicated a willingness to contribute. Given that your country has been a great supporter of South-South cooperation, it would be highly appreciated if your Government could make a contribution to the said Fund in order to facilitate the participation of less advantaged countries in the Conference.

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers
to the United Nations

I look forward to your positive and generous response to this request of the General Assembly, and the participation of your country at the highest possible level in this very important Conference.

For all enquiries concerning the Conference please contact Mr. Yiping Zhou, Director, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, who is also the manager of the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, via e-mail yiping.zhou@undp.org or tel. 1 (212) 906-5727.

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



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