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**Speech by Mr. Dossal at the Annual Gala Dinner of Miracle Corners of the World on 5 March 2007**

Thank you Ambassador Mwakawago for your kind introduction. I am very grateful to be invited to the Annual Gala. Thank you Eddie and Rob for organizing such a great event.

As a new friend to MCW, I am honored to be with you this evening and want to thank you for inviting me to participate in your special program. I also want to thank MCW for inviting Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, the UN's new Deputy Secretary General, to join you this evening; and I was pleased that she was able to participate in the cocktail reception. Dr Migiro wanted me to convey her deep appreciation for the valuable work of MCW.

Ms. Migiro first met MCW in the summer, when she accompanied Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete to the Nasdaq Market Site for MCW's special networking reception. Dr. Migiro is an inspiring advocate of global partnership, UN reform, and peace and stability, and has committed much of her life in the public service to promoting community development, youth empowerment, and gender equality—issues that are critical to MCW.

I know that she draws inspiration from MCW's work and supports its continued success. As the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Partnerships, an organization that builds partnership opportunities within the UN

family and with the private sector, foundations and civil society, I also draw inspiration from the work of a grassroots organization like MCW.

Congratulations to Ambassador Mahiga for receiving the lifetime achievement award. Some of you may have seen the reference in his bio that he was the co-Chair of the Peace Building Commission. This was a historic moment for the UN, in that the first time ever we have a comprehensive strategy for addressing the plight of people living in post conflict situations and we are very grateful for his leadership. The program mentions two miracle makers the Bergman family and the Carpenter family and I want to acknowledge the valuable contribution they are making. We at the UN also have a miracle maker, Ambassador Kumalo who as President of the G-77 led a gallant effort to help renew the United Nations and we congratulate him for South Africa's presidency of the Security Council- He is a true rainmaker.

Peace and stability cannot be left to politicians, governments, and multi-lateral institutions alone. Civil society has a critical role to play, alongside the corporate and business communities. MCW understands this and builds bridges between the three sectors—public, private, and non-profit—in order to build a better world for all of us.” I now wish to turn the program back to Ambassador Mwakawago.