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**PREPARATIONS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE MIDTERM COMPREHENSIVE  
GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR  
THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE DECADE 2001-2010**

## **Summary of the fifth Inter-Agency Consultations**

17 July 2006, Geneva

- The High Representative opened the consultations and underscored the need to ensure good participation of colleagues from the Geneva based UN system organizations as well as other multilateral bodies located there in the preparations for MTR. He emphasized that the consultations have been arranged in Geneva to recognize the important role that the relevant UN entities there play in the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for LDCs.
- The High Representative welcomed the Chairman of the Group of LDCs, Mr. Edouard Aho-Glele, and other Bureau members to the meeting and invited the Chairman to say a few words.
- The Chairman briefed about the LDCs Ministerial Conference held in Cotonou in June 2006 and mentioned that the Cotonou Strategy adopted by the meeting attached a chart about sectoral responsibilities of the various UN and other multilateral organizations for the Brussels Programme. He said that as and when necessary the chart could be updated. He also emphasized the importance of operational activities at the country level and the need for coordination among the agencies for better implementation of the Programme.
- The Chairman also elaborated that the Brussels Programme goals remain the priority of the LDCs. The relevant MDGs that are part of the Brussels Programme should be taken in that context.
- The representative of the WFP mentioned that 60% of his organization's resources go to LDCs. He also thanked the Chairman for providing clarification about the goals of the Brussels Programme and the Millennium Development Goals.
- UNIDO representative highlighted his organization's technical cooperation activities in LDCs. He circulated a report on UNIDO activities in support of LDCs.
- UNICEF representative mentioned that their expenditure for LDCs in 2005 reached the "historic high" point. The country focus of UNICEF in LDCs was highlighted.
- Head of the UN Regional Commissions Liaison Office in New York mentioned that ECA and ESCAP and their subregional offices are involved in the regional

level implementation of the Brussels Programme. He also mentioned that both Executive Secretaries of these two Regional Commissions would be present at the High-Level Round Table to be held on 18 September 2006 in New York prior to the High-Level Meeting for the Mid-Term Review.

- Representative of UN DESA informed the participants about the panel discussion on resource mobilization for LDCs to be held on 20 July after the introduction of the report of the Secretary-General at the morning session of ECOSOC.
- FAO representative mentioned that most of FAO resources go to LDCs, particularly to those that are the food deficit countries. He also mentioned about FAO collaboration with UNCTAD with regard to the creation of a facility to tackle the high cost of food imports by LDCs.
- WIPO representative mentioned about their commitment to deliver on the objectives set forth in the Brussels Programme.
- UN-Habitat mentioned about its sectoral report and about the event on feminization of poverty that they are organizing along with relevant UN offices in New York on 8 September.
- UNCTAD representative mentioned about the ad-hoc meeting of experts held in May and the case studies undertaken by it in a number of LDCs. He also mentioned that UNCTAD's flagship LDCs report would be launched in 15 LDCs and other capitals in July. He also mentioned about the Investment Advisory Council meeting on LDCs that would be held on 18 September in New York.
- In his concluding remarks, the LDCs Chairman highlighted the importance of coordination at the field level so that concrete results are achieved in LDCs.
- In his final remarks, the High Representative mentioned about the critical importance of the role and involvement of the Resident Coordinators in the 50 LDCs. He also mentioned that the Inter-Agency Consultations have been found to be extremely useful for the preparation for the Mid-Term Review, and suggested that these consultations should continue after the MTR for the follow-up and the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action and the outcome of the Mid-Term Review.

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