Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will now be convened on 23 and 24 October, following a change in the dates of the annual meeting of the Bretton Woods institutions. The letter from the Co-Chairs H.E. Ambassador Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt and H.E. Ambassador Johan L. Løvald, Permanent Representative of Norway is attached, including the letter they received from the IMF and World Bank.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind Member States that have not already done so to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch with details of their delegations participation and level of attendance as soon as possible. Ministerial participation at the High-level Dialogue, including the informal round tables, will be critical to ensure a successful outcome to the High-level Dialogue in the lead up to the International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, in Doha, Qatar in 2008.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Secretary-General’s forthcoming note on the organizational aspects of the High-Level Dialogue (A/62/271) and to remind you about the informal meeting of the General Assembly on Financing for Development on 20 September. The President of the 62nd session of the General Assembly will shortly communicate to you further details about participation on the informal round tables at the High-level Dialogue. I invite you to extend your fullest cooperation and support to this process.

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

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
Excellency,

We have the pleasure to write to you today to follow up on our communication informing you about the agreement reached in the informal consultations meeting of the whole that took place on Friday, 8 June 2007, to convene the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 October 2007, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, immediately following the annual meetings of the Bretton Woods Institutions in Washington D.C.

In this regard, we attach for your information, and the information of member states, a copy of the communication received from the Special Representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to the United Nations informing us that their Board of Directors has decided to extend the 2007 Annual Meetings till Monday 22 October 2007.

Accordingly, and as agreed on June 8, 2007 to hold the two meetings back to back, we now propose that the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development be convened on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 October 2007 following the meetings of the Bretton Woods Institutions to be held from 20 to 22 October 2007.

In proposing so, we are confident of the understanding of member states of this change of dates aimed at ensuring the highest level of participation as well as a successful and fruitful dialogue.

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

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