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. Lovald, 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
6 September 2007

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.

Ambassador
Maged A. Abdelaziz
Permanent Representative
of Egypt

Ambassador
Johan L. Løvald
Permanent Representative
of Norway

To: H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa
President of the General Assembly
United Nations, New York
27 July 2007

Excellency,

Further to my letters of 25 April 2007 and 20 June 2007 on the preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development leading to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, I have been informed by the Permanent Representative of Norway, H.E. Mr. Johan L. Lovald and the Permanent Representative of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz, about the result of the informal consultations of the whole that took place on Friday, 8 June 2007, whereby an agreement was reached that the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development will be held 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.

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 61/191 of 20 December 2006, the modalities for holding the High-level Dialogue will be the same as those used in the 2005 Review, as outlined in General Assembly resolution 59/293 of 27 May 2005. As requested in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 61/191, the Secretary-General will prepare in the coming weeks a note on the organization of work of the High-level Dialogue.

It is my expectation, as well as the expectation of H.E. Mr. Srgjan Kerim the President elect of the 62nd session of the General Assembly, that member states shall be represented at the highest possible level in order to ensure a successful outcome of the 2007 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, as an important contribution in the preparation for the abovementioned International Review Conference to be held in Doha, Qatar in the second half of 2008, and I continue to count on your cooperation and support for the full success of 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
June 1st, 2007.

Excellency,

We write to you today, further to the letter of the President of the General Assembly on April 25th 2007, as facilitators on all issues related to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development, in compliance with General Assembly Resolution 61/191.

In order to put forward a proposal for the dates of the High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development to be held during the 62nd Session of the General Assembly, as stipulated in General Assembly Resolution 61/191, we plan to hold informal consultations of the whole on the 8th of June 2007, at 3:00 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber, with the participation of all member states and the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process.

We also plan to brief you and hear your views on the preparation process leading up to the Review Conference in 2008.

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

[Signature]
Ambassador
Johan L. Løvald
Permanent Representative
of Norway

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Ambassador
Maged A. Abdelaziz
Permanent Representative
of Egypt

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

I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Ambassador Maged A. Abdelaziz, Permanent Representative of Egypt and H.E. Ambassador Johan L. Lovald, Permanent Representative of Norway have agreed to act as facilitators on my behalf on all issues related to the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development, in compliance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/191.

The consultations with Member States and major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process will be open, transparent and inclusive. The process of consultations will also include a decision on the dates for the High Level Dialogue on Financing for Development scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2007.

I look forward to a successful conclusion of these consultations, in order to contribute positively to the success of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus that will be held in Doha, Qatar in the second half of 2008. 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

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