Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you, that the United Nations General Assembly will hold its biennial High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 23 and 24 October 2007, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, before the Follow-up Conference in Doha, in 2008.

This year's Dialogue will assume additional significance. We will take stock of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus to date and consider appropriate next steps to accelerate progress and strengthen our global partnership in the run up to Doha. The meeting will include opportunities for formal and informal interaction with multiple stakeholders. A detailed programme of the event is described in the Secretary-General's Organizational Note (A/62/271).

It is extremely important at this critical stage that all stakeholders remain fully committed to the follow-up process. We have already passed the mid-point to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and time is not on our side. I would therefore like to extend to your government an invitation to participate at the Ministerial level in the High-level Dialogue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

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