Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you of the names of the Co-Chairs for the Ministerial-level roundtables during the biennial High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 23 and 24 October 2007.

The Co-Chairs were selected on the basis of the nominations I received from Regional Groups. The distribution of nominations for each roundtable, as set out in the attachment was made to ensure the best possible regional and economic balance, taking into account requests from ministers to Chair certain roundtables, and the seniority of Ministers and senior officials. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairs of the Regional Groups for their support and cooperation during this process.

There are now over seventy inscriptions to speak in the plenary portion of the High-level Dialogue. Given the time limitations and as a courtesy to all Member States that would like to participate, I would strongly encourage statements not to exceed five minutes to allow as many as possible to participate in the discussion. Longer statements may be circulated in written form. Please also be advised that inscriptions for the speakers list in the plenary and to ensure a seat at the roundtables will close at 1:00pm on 23rd October.

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

Signed,

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
ROUNDTABLE 1: Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development

H.E. Mr. Kwadwo Baah Wiredu, Finance & Economic Planning, Ghana
H.E. Ambassador Peter Moors, Director General for Development Cooperation, Belgium

ROUNDTABLE 2: Mobilizing international resources for development – foreign direct investment and other private flows

H.E. Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, State Minister for Economic Affairs, Pakistan
H.E. Mr. László Várkonyi, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

ROUNDTABLE 3: International trade as an engine for development

H.E. Minister Patricia Orantes, Planning and Programming Secretary of the Presidency, Guatemala
H.E. Ms. Ol’ga Algayerová, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovak Republic

ROUNDTABLE 4: Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development

H.E. Dr. A.B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honourable Advisor for Finance (Finance Minister), Bangladesh
H.E. Ms Marjatta Rasi, Under-secretary of State, Finland

ROUNDTABLE 5: External debt

H.E. Mr Salvador De Lara, Director General of Regional Economic and Multilateral Bodies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
H.E. Dr. Talaat Abdel Malek, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation, Egypt

ROUNDTABLE 6: Addressing systemic issues – enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development

H.E. Ambassador Eduardo Galvez, Multilateral Policy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
H.E. Ambassador Andreas D. Mavroyannis, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations