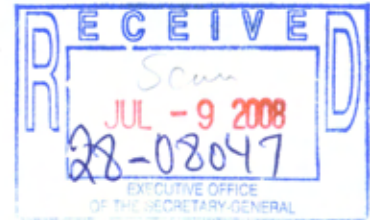


DESA

VN
DSG



Note to the Chef de Cabinet

Torino Retreat

I write to express my concern that the proposed agenda for Day 2 of the Torino retreat does not find the space for DESA to be among the lead discussants on the item relating to the MDGs.

As you know the substantive preparations for the 25 September event was coordinated by DESA. In addition, intergovernmental discussions on the MDGs - both in ECOSOC and the GA are substantively supported by this Department. Moreover as the convener of the ECESA which brings together the regular budget entities in the Economic and Social fields (Regional Commissions and UNCTAD being the core entities) the Under-Secretary-General of DESA has a certain lead role in the normative work in these areas. I would also like to add that the MDG gap Task Force is also coordinated within this Department. Thus, while it is important to have a field oriented perspective as reflected in the current programme it would be limiting and inappropriate only to have the perspective of country-level operational activities for development.

In light of these considerations you may like to examine this request for DESA to make a lead presentation on the MDGs. I thank you for your understanding and consideration of this request.

Ugent

沙祖康

Sha Zukang
8 July 2008

Pl. discuss this with
KWS

bo/and

NH

JUL 11 2008

Mr. Kim - may we
discuss, please?

Thanks,
SP

11/7/2008