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1. Further to my fax of 25 February 2008, I should like to inform you of another initiative we have started in order to strengthen coordination and promote coherence among UN entities in Geneva. In April 2008, we launched a Managers Workshop aimed at strengthening leadership and management capacity, as well as to enhancing the ability to work together, which is at the heart of your reform efforts. To date, two meetings have been held, each attended by senior managers at the D-1, D-2 and ASG levels from some twelve different UN entities.

2. The guest speaker at the first meeting was the United Kingdom Ambassador to the United Nations and other International Offices in Geneva, and the subject of discussion was "Governance: UN senior managers and member states in Geneva". The guest speaker at the second meeting was Ms Louise Arbour, High Commissioner for Human Rights, who addressed the same subject from the perspective of an Executive Head.

3. Discussions were frank, constructive and helpful to the participants to better understand respective roles and responsibilities, and possible ways of strengthening working relationships. According to the feedback received from the participants, these meetings are seen as a good mechanism to support interaction and cooperation amongst senior managers, across disciplines, functions and organizations. They are also seen as a concrete activity contributing to coherence within the UN family in Geneva.

4. In view of this feedback, UNOG will convene the Geneva Managers Workshop on a regular basis.

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