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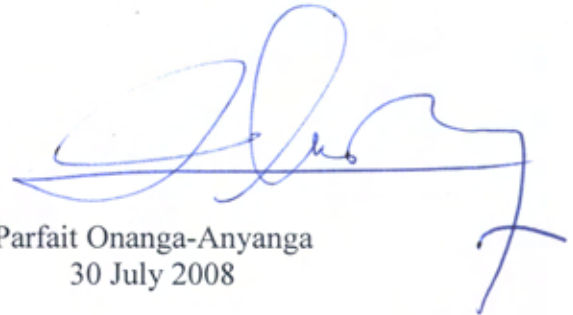
Note to Mr. Nambiar

Approval of Secretary-General's Report on Implementation
and Internal Support for NEPAD

This is in reference to the request made by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa for the approval of the Secretary-General's Report on Implementation and Internal Support for NEPAD.

We would be grateful for the Secretary-General's approval and signature.

Thank you for your kind attention.



Parfait Onanga-Anyanga
30 July 2008



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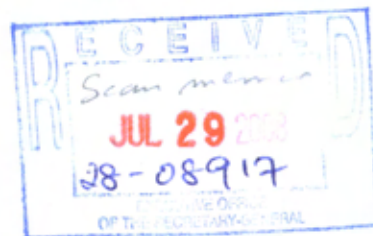
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DATE: 29 July 2008

TO: Mr. Vijay Nambiar,
A: Chef de Cabinet

FROM: Cheick Sidi Diarra,

DE: Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

SUBJECT: Secretary-General's Report on Implementation and
OBJET: International Support for NEPAD

REFERENCE

Every year at this time, OSAA is required to submit, for your clearance the Secretary-General's Report on Implementation and International Support for NEPAD.

We have just completed the report and I am hereby submitting it for your kind approval. The deadline for submission of the report is fast approaching, so I would be most grateful for your kind approval at your earliest convenience.

The actual deadline for submission is Monday, 4 August, 2008.

Thank you for your support.

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Report of the Secretary-General**Approved on behalf of the Secretary-General.**A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.
Vijay Nambiar**New Partnership for Africa's Development: Sixth consolidated progress report on implementation and international support****Report of the Secretary-General***Summary*

The report mandated by the General Assembly resolution 62/179 assesses the progress achieved in implementing NEPAD and the support provided by the international community to that effect. It coincides with the renewed attention on Africa's development needs through the publication of two major reports of the Secretary-General on "Africa's Development Needs: State of Implementation of Various Commitments, Challenges and the Way Forward" and the recommendations of the MDG Africa Steering Group. In addition four upcoming international conferences which will give considerable focus to Africa are being organized including: the UN High-Level-Meeting on Africa's development needs; the High-Level Meeting on the MDGs; the Accra Summit on Aid Effectiveness; the Doha Review Conference on Financing for Development. This attention reflects the fact that most African countries remain off-track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Within the current context of global economic slowdown, high food and oil prices, the implementation of NEPAD and the achievement of the MDGs require firm resolution and clear leadership from both African countries and the international development partners to turn vision into concrete results. In particular, while the report acknowledges that African countries have made some progress in implementing NEPAD sectoral priorities, it calls for urgent action to mitigate the socio-economic impact of increasingly high food prices, by launching an African Green Revolution within the context of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). They should also allocate more resources toward NEPAD priorities and adopt appropriate reforms to further encourage private sector participation in NEPAD projects and promote public-private partnership to finance infrastructure projects.

While efforts have been made to reduce the debt burden of many African countries, development partners should scale up development aid and improve aid effectiveness in order to ensure that commitments are achieved within the set deadline. The above-mentioned Summits could be the appropriate platform to call for urgent and pressing implementation of international commitments, including a reverse in the decline of development assistance and a long-overdue successful outcome of Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations with a development dimension.