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**Note to the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General**

Subject: Participation of the Deputy Secretary-General in the Opening of the Civil Society Organization Focal Points Meeting

Every year, the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) organizes a two-day meeting of all the NGO/CSO focal points of the UN and of the International Financial Institutions. This meeting has been taking place since 2001 and has drawn increasing interest among those staff members whose main responsibility is to engage with global constituencies throughout the UN system. The meeting is addressed to staff from specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the UN system, as well as from the World Bank, the OECD and Regional Development Banks.

This is the first year that the meeting will be hosted by DESA, which will take place in New York on 9-10 July. The meeting will attract about 40 participants from throughout the UN system and the International Financial Institutions who will discuss issues related to the participation of NGOs and civil society organizations in the work of the UN and other multilateral organizations active in the field of socio-economic development and humanitarian assistance.

The meeting provides a unique opportunity to discuss the UN system's various policies and practices of engagement with civil society at the institutional, normative and field levels, thereby leading to increased coherence in the way the UN and other international organizations work with global constituencies. It also serves as an information exchange forum to address common challenges in building mutually beneficial relations between multilateral, intergovernmental organizations and civil society as well as to identify best practices and new mechanisms to promote dynamic and constructive engagement. Participants always leave the meeting with a sense of renewed commitment to engaging global constituencies in their respective fields of work, and new contacts with their counterparts in the UN system.

In my capacity as Head of the host Department, I would like to invite the Deputy Secretary-General to inaugurate the meeting with opening remarks (up to 5 minutes). DESA would be pleased to provide draft remarks and any further details. The participation of the Deputy Secretary-General would send a strong message on the importance attached by the UN to building constructive and enduring partnerships with civil society organizations, and on the crucial role of NGO focal point staff members in managing, strengthening and deepening these relationships. It would be appreciated if my Office could be advised on the availability of the Deputy Secretary-General for this event.

José Antonio Ocampo  
19 April 2007