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Millennium Development Goals – Four New Targets

Excellency,

A similar letter will be sent from several other countries including UK, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands.

In 2000 we committed ourselves to the historic Millennium Declaration resulting in the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals. These eight goals and the corresponding eighteen targets are the cornerstone of international efforts to rid our world of poverty, hunger and disease and promote environmentally sustainable development, changing the lives of billions of our fellow human beings for the better. We remain fully committed to the attainment of the MDG's by 2015 and we thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

At the United Nations World Summit of 2005 we recommitted ourselves to the MDGs but importantly, also agreed to additional targets to strengthen the follow up to the Millennium Declaration.

Your 2006 report on the Work of the Organisation recommended that four new targets be incorporated into the existing MDG framework used to monitor the Millennium Declaration. The four new targets are important additions to the existing framework, in the areas of employment (under MGD 1: poverty reduction), reproductive health (under MDG 5: maternal health), access to treatment for HIV/AIDS (under MDG 6: HIV/AIDS and other diseases) and biodiversity (under MDG 7: environment).

Member states debated your report on 2 October 2006 and subsequently endorsed the report and its recommendations, thus intergovernmentally agreeing the four new targets and their incorporation into the MDG monitoring framework. We therefore request that your 2007 report on the Work of the Organisation fully reflects that which has been intergovernmentally agreed. In this regard we consider it essential that the MDG framework is renumbered to incorporate the new targets and that the report refers to the targets as agreed – and not as 'recommended' or 'proposed'.

The attainment of the Millennium Development Goals remains a top priority for us all. To this end a robust monitoring framework is essential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Micheline Calmy-Rey.

Micheline Calmy-Rey