

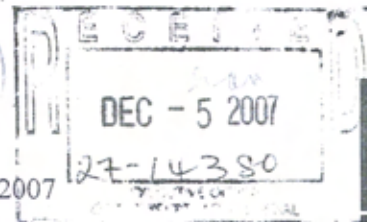
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Your Excellency, (89)

It gives me great pleasure to enclose a copy of the *Human Development Report 2007/2008* //
"Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world".

The Report, under embargo until 27 November, focuses on climate change and development. Climate change is a great challenge for humanity – a challenge that has economic, politic, ethical and scientific dimensions. It poses tremendous collective action problems for the international community. But above all, as the 2007 Human Development Report shows, it is a tremendous development challenge. The world's poorest countries and most vulnerable people will suffer the earliest and most damaging setbacks, even though they have contributed least to the problem.

Given the complexity of the issues and the very long time lags included, actions should no longer be delayed. This year's *Human Development Report* explains why we have less than a decade to change course and start living within our global carbon budget. It explains how climate change will create long-run low human development traps, pushing vulnerable people into a downward spiral of deprivation. Because climate change is a global problem with global causes and effects, it demands a global response with countries acting on the basis of their historic responsibility and current capabilities.

The Report will be launched globally on 27 November in Brasilia, Brazil graciously hosted by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and with the participation of other distinguished guest speakers. Parallel national launches will occur in other capitals worldwide. Please be reminded that the contents of the Report are embargoed until 12h00 noon GMT on that day.

Thank you for your continuing support and interest in the *Human Development Report*.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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