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From: Gyan Acharya
Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS

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Subject: **Notification of the Comprehensive High-level Mid-term Review (MTR)**

I would like to inform you that a Comprehensive High-level Mid-term Review (MTR) of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the Least Developed Countries is to be held in Antalya, Turkey from 27 to 29 May 2016.

This is a High-level Mid-term Review that is taking place after 5 years of the Summit Meeting of LDCs that was held in Istanbul in May 2011. The MTR is being held in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 69/231 and A/C.2/70/L.64.

This is a very important UN Meeting on the most vulnerable group, the LDCs, which is taking place after the adoption of the SDGs. This meeting will review progress of the LDCs, their graduation efforts, global partnership and coherence with the global processes like the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, SDGs, and Climate Change Agreements.

The UN Secretary-General was present during the 2011 LDCs Conference in Istanbul and he has consistently advocated for the interests and concerns of the most vulnerable groups in every relevant forum and the LDCs leaders have greatly appreciated that.

Thanks to the UN Secretary-General's consistent advocacy and the UN system as a whole, the LDCs are happy that they have integrated many of their issues into SDGs, AAAA and Climate Change Agreement.

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Furthermore, this would be the final event related to the High-level LDCs Meeting, that the UN Secretary-General would attend. It will have great reflections on his contributions to the LDCs issues during his tenure.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly also requested the UN Secretary-General to convene a United Nations system High-level event during the comprehensive High-level Mid-term Review, with a view to ensuring the full mobilization of the United Nations system in support of the Least Developed Countries.

In view of the above, I would like us to work together in ensuring the attendance and participation of the UN Secretary-General in such a landmark meeting.

I will keep you informed on any major developments regarding preparations.

Thank you.

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General

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