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Note to the Secretary General

Informal consultation on the 2010 Summit

Further to the attached note from Mr. Shaaban, I spoke today with Ambassador John Sawers of the UK and reminded him of the agreement between the Secretary-General and Prime Minister Gordon Brown on the 2010 Summit at the high level event in September 2008.

According to Ambassador Sawers, the current U.S. position has been characterized by a reluctant to commit to a formal summit, which will have to be attended by the next US President. The preference of the US is to postpone any agreement on a summit until after the President-elect takes office.

Nevertheless, Ambassador Sawers agreed to raise the issue again with the US Permanent Mission. He promised to talk to Ambassador Khalilzade and revert.

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18 November 2008

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Friday, 14 November 2008

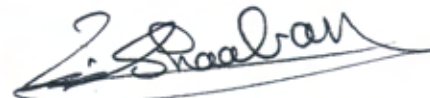
In the course of the above-mentioned meeting, 17 Member States spoke and 3 points dominated the discussion.

The question of holding the **Summit** itself was the foremost of these. While the great majority of delegations (including both the G-77 and the EU) supported the proposal of the Secretary-General to hold the 2010 Summit, some expressed reservations that the subject of the Summit was too narrowly defined. Delegations differed on whether or not the Summit's scope should be restricted to the MDGs, or whether it might be expanded beyond them to examine other elements of its two predecessors. Issues such as implementation by the UN and others were suggested, as were other current concerns (such as the financial, food, and energy crises). One delegation (the United States) specifically commented that the scope of the Summit, as currently conveyed, was "not agreed" and "could simply amplify discord". That same delegation was concerned that the holding of "too many Summits, a number of which [were] already on the books for this period, [would] lead to dilution of their impact".

On the question of the **proposed procedural resolution**, on which the President hoped that Member States would "take action before the end of the fall session", most delegations expressed support, but a number indicated that they wished to have time to consult and further define the scope of elements within it.

Lastly, while the possibility of appointing **Facilitators** to conduct the next phase of the process received scant direct comment, those delegations that did focus on it were positively disposed.

In closing, the Chair indicated that the remarks and concerns of delegations would be reported to the PGA, and that the naming of Facilitators was foreseen.



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