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Dear Ms. Malcorra,

It is with great pleasure that I enclose an advance copy of the United Nations Development Programme's first ever Africa Human Development Report, entitled "*Towards a Food Secure Future*".

The Report is a bold attempt to understand how, in a world of food surpluses, hunger and malnutrition remain pervasive on a continent with ample agricultural endowments. Notwithstanding the last decade's impressive economic growth and the turnaround in some human development indicators, sub-Saharan Africa remains the world's most food insecure region. The spectre of famine, all but gone elsewhere, continues to haunt the region.

Africa has the knowledge, the technology and the means to end hunger and food insecurity. The Report calls for immediate and fundamental policy change so that Africa can become food secure by implementing the broad set of policies that are needed to make communities food secure.

The Report calls for putting food security at the centre of national and international development policy. With the range of policies and institutions analyzed thoroughly in the report, in part by looking at experiences across Asia and Latin America, Africa can sustain a virtuous cycle of higher human development and enhanced food security.

The 2012 Africa Human Development Report will be launched on 15 May in Nairobi by the Administrator of UNDP, Ms. Helen Clark and the President of Kenya, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki. Regional and national launch events will follow in the days and weeks ahead.

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