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Subject MDG Report 2009 - Proposal for Launch by the
Secretary-General at ECOSOC High-Level Segment,
Geneva

Dear Ms. Dayal,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Yoon.

With reference to the above-mentioned note to the Secretary- General from Mr. Akasaka dated 3 June 2009 (our ref # 29-5846), to formally launch the MDG Report 2009 in the opening statement to the High-level Segment of ECOSOC, on 6 July 2009 in Geneva.

The Secretary-General has seen the note and has approved the request and will formally launch the MDG Report 2009 in Geneva.

Could you also kindly co-ordinate directly with DESA with regards to the Secretary-General's statement.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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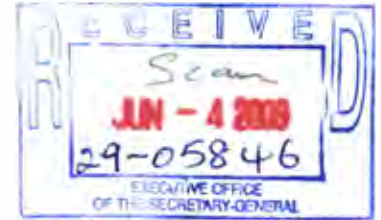
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**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(through Mr. Nambiar)**

**MDG Report 2009 ✓
Proposal for Launch by the Secretary-General ✓
at ECOSOC High-Level Segment, Geneva**

As in previous years, DPI has been working with DESA on arrangements for the launch of the annual MDG Report, which compiles and analyzes the latest statistics from across the UN System and assesses where we stand in our collective drive to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

We wish to propose that you formally launch the MDG Report 2009 in your opening statement to the High-level Segment of ECOSOC, on 6 July in Geneva, as you did in 2007. [In 2008, you launched the MDG Report in New York, as a curtain-raiser to the September High-level Event on MDGs.]

The main messages of the Report are still being reviewed and finalized; however, generally, rising trends in poverty and hunger can be linked to the financial and food crises that have caused so much suffering among vulnerable populations around the world and will no doubt be a major subject for discussion at ECOSOC. Also, the Report's wealth of data on health trends, both positive and negative, is highly relevant to the main theme of the ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review on global public health.

Should you agree in principle to launch the Report, DPI and DESA will work with your speechwriting team on your statement.

We would also like to recommend that you include mention of the Report, should you decide to hold a press conference while in Geneva. In addition, we would arrange for an expert on the MDG Report to give an embargoed background briefing on Friday, 3 July, to provide the media with more detail in advance of the launch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kiyo Akasaka
3 June 2009

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about the approval.
but ask her to
coordinate w/ DESA