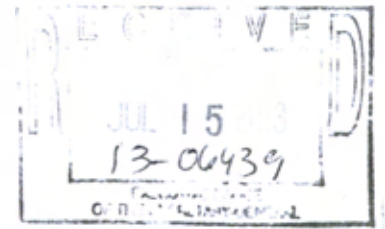


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Note to the Secretary-General

Special Event of the President of the General Assembly on MDGs

During the fifth round of consultations on Friday, 12 July 2013, delegations welcomed the revised draft outcome document circulated by the co-facilitators (Permanent Representatives of Ireland and South Africa) on 8 July, as a basis for consultations. There was significant convergence on the key elements of the outcome document. In this regard, delegations welcomed the revised MDG acceleration section, which was inspired by the 2013 MDG progress report (the Secretary-General launched the report at the opening of the High-level Segment of ECOSOC). Delegations also expressed support for the launch of an intergovernmental process on post-2015 development agenda at the beginning of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly and the convening of a summit in September 2015. *15/09/13*

Delegations stressed that the intergovernmental process should build on the outcomes of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, to be completed in a comprehensive and balanced manner by September 2014. Delegations also welcomed the call for a Secretary-General's synthesis report to be presented by the end of 2014 to assist in the intergovernmental negotiations of a post-2015 development agenda.

In an effort to expedite the finalization of the outcome document by the end of this month, the co-facilitators called for an informal meeting among a limited number of delegates on **Tuesday**, 16 July. Issues to be addressed include means of implementation; the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities; countries in special circumstances, including countries under foreign occupation; aid commitments for least development countries (LDCs); gender equality and the empowerment of women, as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights; **environmental** sustainability; human rights, good governance, rule of law, transparency and accountability and national ownership; and the reference to the post-2015 Agenda as the post-2015 Development Agenda.

While delegations generally agreed with the co-facilitators' approach to focus on the substance of the outcome document, some reiterated the importance of reaching agreement on its format in a timely manner. One delegation proposed that the outcome document be adopted as a General Assembly resolution, in conjunction with the Special Event of the President of the General Assembly (PGA).

On the issue of the modalities of the Special Event, the co-facilitators proposed elaborating the modalities without having to adopt a resolution on this subject. **The** co-facilitators will capture the key elements of the intergovernmental consultations on the modalities of the Special Event in a letter to the PGA, who in turn will inform delegations on logistical arrangements for the Event, following consultations with the Secretariat.

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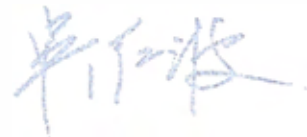
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Based on the earlier consultations, the co-facilitators will propose that the Special Event should consist of: (i) a short 1-hour plenary with statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, a small number of Heads of State and Government, possibly the President of the World Bank, an eminent person on the MDGs, and a civil society representative, to be selected by the PGA; (ii) two parallel roundtables held in the morning and afternoon on the same overarching theme of addressing the challenges of MDG acceleration and looking towards a post-2015 development agenda; and (iii) a short closing plenary with reports from the roundtables and the adoption of the outcome document.

DESA will provide updates to you and the Deputy Secretary-General on the outcomes of the ongoing consultations.



WU Hongbo
15 July 2013

cc: Deputy Secretary-General