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Dear Colleagues,

As the first year of implementation of the “Delivering as One” pilots initiative is coming to an end, it is important both for the member states and UN agencies to have an initial stocktaking of progress in the pilot countries.

Realizing that it may be premature to have a full-fledged evaluation of the results of the “Delivering as One” pilots less than a year since these became operational, it is planned to undertake an end-of-the-year informal stocktaking of key emerging issues, lessons learnt and recommendations.

The objectives of this exercise are to ensure a better awareness and understanding by member states and agencies of the impact of the pilots on national ownership and leadership, of the new programming and management arrangements being explored in the pilots, as well as to provide input into guidance on the way forward. The results of the stocktaking exercise will also feed into the inter-governmental discussion on the recommendations of the High-Level Panel on System-wide Coherence.

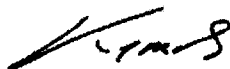
This stocktaking exercise will be undertaken by both the Government and the UN Country Team. The UN Country Teams, in close cooperation with the local Steering Committees, should undertake an analysis of the anticipated outcomes of the pilots, the progress made in the first nine months, lessons learnt and recommendations (a list of suggested questions to guide your analysis is annexed for your attention). This analysis should result in a concise factual report of a maximum of 10 pages.

I am thus requesting you, in your capacity as co-Chairs of the local Steering Committees, to initiate this exercise as soon as possible and submit the respective reports to the Chair of the UN Development Group by 30 November 2007. While the deadline is short, we do not expect a very comprehensive exercise so early in the process.

Please note that the Deputy Secretary-General, on behalf of the UN Secretary-General, is also requesting the governments to present a brief statement on their expectations and experiences so far by mid November.

I look forward to your close cooperation in this endeavor.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

To: UN Resident Coordinators  
“Delivering as One” Pilot Countries