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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON UN SYSTEM-WIDE COHERENCE
IN THE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

MEDIA ADVISORY

Plan to focus operations of a diverse UN system to be unveiled this week by panel of Prime Ministers, Presidents and development leaders

(UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK, 6 November) Recommendations to strengthen and better coordinate the UN's work in the fields of development, the environment and humanitarian assistance will be issued 9 November by H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, the Prime Minister of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, the Prime Minister of Norway; and (via videomessage) H.E. Mrs. Luísa Dias Diogo, the Prime Minister of Mozambique – the three co-chairs of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence.

Commissioned early this year in response to a call by the 2005 World Summit for greater coherence in the development-related agencies, the Panel of 15 eminent international figures (list below) has conducted a six-month consultative process. They have met with the UN Chief Executives Board and conducted field visits with representatives of Member States, the UN system, inter-governmental fora, international financial institutions, academia and civil society organizations.

Prime Ministers Aziz and Stoltenberg will present the Panel's report to Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the morning of the ninth, and later to the General Assembly. After participating in an informal exchange with the Assembly, they will hold a press conference in Room S-226 at UN Headquarters at 12:30 pm.

Reporters who wish to attend the press conference but do not have UN press credentials should fax a letter of assignment to 1-212-963-4642, and follow-up with a call to the UN Media Accreditation Unit at 1-212-963-7164.

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