



All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

We have the honour to refer to the letter of 23 June 2011, in which the President of the General Assembly appointed us co-facilitators to lead the consultations on the establishment of a monitoring mechanism to follow up on all commitments related to the development of Africa.

As you are aware, this process is to be led by member states, with the participation of relevant stakeholders and is expected to lead into a monitoring mechanism which should be operational by the end of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

We therefore wish to commence informal consultations with the Heads of relevant international organizations in September 2011 in the margins of the High Level meetings and the general debate of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. This will be followed by informal consultations with regional organizations, funds and programmes and related organs in October 2011. We propose to commence formal discussions with member states in January with a view to finalizing our work by March 2012.

Our interactions will focus on the nature, scope, priorities and institutional arrangements for a monitoring mechanism that builds on existing mechanisms, as

well as the recommendations in the report of the Secretary General. The report of the Secretary General assesses the progress made in the implementation of NEPAD and the related support by the international community.

As co-facilitators to these important consultations, we are convinced that with the support, guidance and commitment of member states and all stakeholders, we will be able to accomplish this crucial task within the stipulated timeframe.

We take this opportunity to thank the President of the General Assembly and all member states for the faith and trust bestowed on us to spearhead these important consultations on a monitoring mechanism for NEPAD, which is an important development strategy for Africa. We look forward to successful completion of the exercise.

Please accept Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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