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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure and privilege to address

Council with its first Annual Ministerial Review and the launch of the Development Cooperation Forum, midway to the target date of 2015 for the achievement of the Millennium

hunger and poverty, is particularly timely. Croatia has aligned itself with the statement of the European Union, so I will restrict myself to the priorities of my delegation

Croatia welcomes the strengthening of coordination within the UN system with other institutions in order to support sustained economic growth and sustainable development

Development Agenda and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. Croatia also welcomes the initiatives to enhance the quality

and regional levels.

We, as a middle-income country in transition

focused its contribution for development mainly within the scope of the South-South

development

an emerging donor country at both regional and international levels. A more active approach to the provision of development assistance was also guaranteed by signing of

Millennium Development Goals, as well as obligations resulting from the preparations for the membership in the European Union. This year, Croatia has donated for the first time to

UN Peace Building Fund. During the inauguration of the Fund, UN former Secretary General Kofi Annan laid a special emphasis on the role of non-traditional donors, one of

The Croatian government is currently in the process of designing a specific strategy of the "Interdepartmental Working Group for Development Assistance Policy and

working group consists of all line ministries, the relevant offices of the Croatian government, the private sector and NGOs. This step

Republic of Croatia has carried out projects amounting to approximately 16 million USD which, according to the OECD Development

international efforts in

Millennium Development Goals