

## **Secretary-General calls on governments to gear up aid outlays, as UN ambassadors prepare to host finance ministers and development decision makers 18 April**

(NEW YORK, 15 April) A full day of discussion at the United Nations next Monday constitutes an important opportunity for finance ministers to consider foreign aid outlays in a multilateral and inter-institutional context, prior to the summit taking place at the UN in September, UN officials say.

In a note prepared for the 18 April meeting of finance and development ministers, central bankers, Executive Directors of the Bretton Woods institutions, leaders from the major international trade institutions and delegations belonging to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Secretary-General repeated his call for rapid increases in

institutions (the World Bank and International Monetary Fund), and norm-setting agencies such as the Basle Committee and the Financial Stability Forum.

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