development are infinite and interrelated. The knowledge space is so vast and covers a multitude of substantive, managerial, scientific and cultural endeavors.

Colleagues,

The United Nations has always been a global player in promoting technology for development. In his report to the Sixty-seventh session

In 2010, the "UN Summit on the Millennium Development Goals" resolved to " $\ensuremath{^{''}}$

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And most recently, the outcome document of Rio ± 20 , contained twelve paragraphs focusing

7. Technology partnerships in the Arab region are lucrative problem solving business ventures.

Colleagues,

I am confident that your deliberations this afternoon will succeed in setting the priorities for this region for presentation to the rest of the world in the Annual Ministerial Review.

Thank you!