





Dialogue, one day of informal hearings will be arranged with representatives of civil society and the business sector, to provide important inputs to the discussions to be held at the Dialogue. The High-level Dialogue itself will include a policy dialogue and interactive round tables with the participation of the relevant stakeholders. The policy dialogue will address the implementation of the results of the Monterrey Conference and the theme of coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development, and consider the collaborative tasks ahead. The round tables will discuss the regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the Monterrey Conference, and the link between the progress in the implementation the commitments reached at Monterrey and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, in particular those contained in the Millennium Declaration. I would urge high-level participation from all the stakeholders - from Ministers of Finance, Development Cooperation and Foreign Affairs, from the executive heads of the institutional partners, from NGOs and from the private sector. The engagement of high-level representatives will ensure the continued political attention that is so important.

As envisaged by the Monterrey Consensus, the General Assembly and ECOSOC each plays an important role in making sure that we all stay engaged. Both bodies are working vigorously to do their part in a complementary manner. The discussions of today's meeting will be one of the crucial building blocks for the structure that is being created for the follow-up of Monterrey, the next stage of which will be in October during the 58th General Assembly.

I look forward to a productive and successful meeting.

Thank you.