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Personally, I have had an opportunity to meet Mark Malloch Brown several times on different occasions. First I met him shortly after he assumed the post of the Administrator of UNDP. At that time, he initiated the Ministerial Meeting of UNDP in attempt to reverse the negative trend in UNDP financing which I had the honor to chair as the President of the UNDP Executive Board in 2000. I met him in Monterrey, actively participating and vigorously pushing the development agenda and partnerships ahead. At those as well as all other opportunities, I always witnessed a determined, eloquent and dedicated advocate of development and firm supporter of development cooperation. I feel privileged that I met him. I wish Mark Malloch Brown a successful next term in UNDP.