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WITH HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION OF FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President,

The Secretary-General's Report on Innovative Mechanisms of Financing for Development<sup>1</sup> underlines that new resources are needed to complement traditional ODA – in particular in the areas of health as well as climate change and environment. In this context, the Liechtenstein Government agreed in January 2010 to the principles of the Copenhagen Accord as a guideline for the development of a

successor protocol to Kyoto. Consequently, the Liechtenstein Parliament has decided to increase Liechtenstein's ODA and will support measures for combating and adjusting to dangerous climate effects in developing countries.

Besides additional or complementary resources, the objective of achieving the ODA target of 0.7 percent of gross national income (GNI) must remain at the centre of our efforts. International Humanitarian Cooperation and Development is a central pillar of Liechtenstein's foreign policy and the Liechtenstein Government has repeatedly underscored its commitment to achieving the target of 0.7 percent by 2015. According to GNI projections it is fulfilled that Liechtenstein has achieved 0.6 percent of GNI for ODA in 2010. We are committed to using our – in absolute terms – modest resources to make a concrete and visible contribution to sustainable development. Our policy is focusing on

regions that are particularly important and in areas where Liechtenstein has special expertise. I would like to emphasize in particular that Liechtenstein's international development cooperation policy has

already surpassed the internationally agreed development goal to allocate 0.2 percent of GNI for ODA to the development cooperation with Least Developed Countries.

Mr. President,

The Government of Liechtenstein has committed itself to implementing internationally recognized

matters on the basis of internationally agreed standards. We have also concluded

information exchange agreements and double taxation agreements and are determined to continue to

engage with our partners worldwide in this respect. In this regard we would like to point out the

importance of transparency in international regulation processes as an indispensable element for the

equal participation of all states and the implementation of the principle of never having seen tax

information exchange agreements and, in particular, double taxation agreements are in our view

instruments to strengthen the economic cooperation between countries that can

mutually benefit.

Mr. President,

Illicit financial outflows are one of the greatest obstacles to development. In our view capacity building

to effectively fight corruption, money laundering and illicit financial outflows on the one side and

measures for promoting good governance on the other side have great potential within innovative

mechanisms of financing for development. Liechtenstein supports measures for promoting good

governance such as the anti-corruption programme of the UN Development Programme. Additionally

we closely cooperate with the Global Programme against Money Laundering. Besides financial

contributions, we have made expertise directly available to this and other programmes over the past

years as both our Financial Intelligence Unit and the Office of the Public Prosecutor have participated

numerous times as experts in relevant training programmes for developing countries. On the same

topic, Liechtenstein gives financial support to the Basel Institute on Governance, a nongovernmental

organization that is a member of the group of international centres for Asset Recovery

(ICAR). The centre offers training and capacity building for developing countries in their efforts to

recover stolen assets.

Mr. President,

Liechtenstein remains committed to the achievement of the international ODA target. Additionally, we

are open for new and additional resource channels to complement traditional ODA.

I thank you.