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Mr. President, Excellencies,

Five years ago we agreed on the Millennium Development Goals. We should keep our promises. I therefore welcome our commitment to increase our official development assistance.

The world is expecting us to **make poverty history** – to turn poverty into something our great grandchildren will read about, but not really understand, like the medieval plagues.

We can do it. And we must do it:

By increasing our support to the efforts by the developing countries. By involving women fully in our noble undertaking based on gender equality. By reducing barriers to trade. By promoting investment and social development. By mobilising business and civil society – in both rich and poor countries – in the war on poverty. And like a good farmer, manage the earth and its resources so that they will benefit not only present *but also* future generations.

Development also requires **good governance**.

**Maintaining peace and security** was, and still is, the aim of the Organisation. Preventing and ending armed conflicts, stabilising and rebuilding failed or failing states... these are huge and complex tasks. I believe the Peacebuilding Commission and Fund will make the UN better able to take on these challenges. I'm happy to announce that Norway will