

Mr. President,

We congratulate you on the assumption of the Presidency of the 60th UN General Assembly. We compliment the Honorable Je an Ping whose tenure will be remembered as a beacon from which critical change to the United Nations was initiated.

Mr President

Difficult as it has been, the draft Outcome Document provides something for everyone. We acknowledge that much more could have been included. However, in our view, there is sufficient detail in the Document from which critical reform issues can be followed up and elaborated on especially during the 60th UNGA.

We are extremely pleased that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which provide each of our countries a set of focused benchmarks from which to address critical development issues, have been maintained in full.

We also strongly support the underlying principles of the Jakarta Declaration which was referred to by the His Excellency the President of Indonesia this morning. We therefore call upon the international community and the UN to respond to and support this important Declaration.

Mr President

The challenge to the MDGs, in our view, is to "nationalize and localize" them in order to achieve the overall performance targets by 2015. *While* we endorse the importance of ensuring that those global targets are reached, we also strongly believe that we need to focus on the sustainability of the MDGs beyond 2015.

As a nation we have reviewed the MDGs and the methods to achieve them. In a recently completed joint report with the UNDP, Papua New Guinea's "scorecard" indicated that much more needed to be done! A number of ways have been considered to implement the MDGs. The Medium Term Development Strategy (MTDS) adopted this year by our Government is an attempt to provide a roadmap implementation. The MTDS will tie the MDGs into the national development process and enable funding of their implementation through our national budgetary process.

As part of the development agenda, we also note with great satisfaction the inclusion of the Mauritius, Brussels and Almaty action plans. We call upon the international community to continue assisting all of our countries in meeting the aims elaborated in each of the plans and declarations.

Mr President

We strongly believe that the principle of development and security being intertwined and inseparable must continue to underpin the international peace and security paradigm.

