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To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Report on the Meeting of the Chief Executives Board (CEB)—New York, October 27–28, 2006**

Attached for the **information** of Executive Directors is a report on the meeting of the Chief Executives Board, held in New York from October 27–28, 2006, in which the Managing Director participated.

Questions may be referred to Mr. Munzberg, UNO (ext. 36675).

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**Report on the Meeting of the
Chief Executives Board
New York—October 27-28, 2006**

The Managing Director attended the meeting in New York of the Chief Executives Board (CEB), which is composed of the heads of UN agencies, the WTO, the World Bank, and the IMF.

The Managing Director reported on developments in the world economy, President Wolfowitz outlined the priorities of the World Bank, and Director-General Lamy provided an update on the Doha Round and the possibility of bringing it back on track. Questions from participants related to the growing income differences in countries and to the importance of infrastructure investment, particularly in Africa.

The UN Secretary-General, who chaired his last meeting of CEB before leaving office, provided a report on his two terms of office. He highlighted in particular the Millennium Summit and the adoption of the MDGs. He emphasized his efforts to reach out to other agencies, including through the work on the Monterrey Consensus. He also pointed to the growing security threats. The 2005 Summit had focused on the linkage between development and security. He saw the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission and of the Human Rights Council as major achievements.

CEB also held a preliminary discussion on the forthcoming report by the Panel on System-wide Coherence, which will be presented to the Secretary-General on November 9. The report will likely make recommendations regarding the structure of UN activities in the field, governance of the UN in the area of development, and also with respect to strengthening the cooperation between the UN and the Bretton Woods institutions.