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Subject: SG's participation in the luncheon

I just spoke to Leslie Wade who informs me that the exchange of toasts at the ECOSOC luncheon is traditional. I'll do a follow-up note to the SG flagging this and asking if he agrees. Pls see attached draft sent by Wade.
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Leslie Wade
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To: Regina Castillo/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc: Kevin S. Kennedy/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Subject: SG's participation in the luncheon

Dear Regina,

For your consideration, this is a draft toast that we had prepared before the EOSG had drafted remarks by the Secretary General. It is short and does not go in depth into the subject. You may wish to share this as a possible alternative to a longer statement.



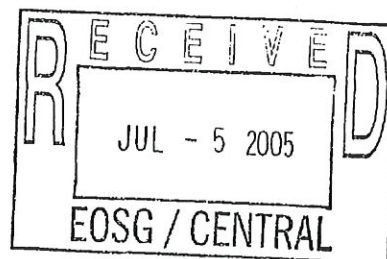
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Please also see attached a revised scenario.



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

TOAST AT ECOSOC LUNCHEON

New York, 29 June 2004

Mr. President of ECOSOC, [Ambassador Akram]
Madam President, [H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of Finland]
Mr. Prime Minister, [H. E. Mr. Gérard Latortue, Prime Minister of Haiti]
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

* I would like to thank all of you most profoundly for participating in this annual ECOSOC luncheon.

* The rich experiences and insight we have shared on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in post-conflict situations brings focus to a dimension that is easily side-lined in the development dialogue. When countries slip into conflict, it is as much a crisis of security and human rights as it is a crisis of development. Consolidating the peace after conflict therefore hinges critically on putting long-term development back on track. The Millennium Development Goals gives us a clear indication of the direction to go and a concrete yardstick to measure our achievement. This lunch consultation helps us to give a deserved orientation to the theme of the High-level Segment which will engage you in the next two days.

* As you all know, we are fast approaching the 2005 World Summit. In this, the Council has a big role, and should make tangible contributions towards its preparations and at the Summit. Your work over the next month should develop against this backdrop. On my part, I will continue to extend to you all the support you need in this important task.

* Allow me now to propose a toast: to ECOSOC and to our collective endeavour to make 2005 a year that gives hope and inspiration to all towards a more peaceful, equitable and prosperous future. I thank you all.