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**Note to the Secretary-General
Through Ms Bárcena**

Ref: major speeches, September-December 2006

Dear SG,

Please find attached a revised schedule, reflecting discussion at a meeting on Monday chaired by MMB. The main changes are as follows:

- We have tried to locate more of the speeches outside the US.
- RO will try to negotiate a new date, in late November, for the security speech at the Woodrow Wilson School (Princeton). This will allow you to make more pointed remarks about disarmament, and will mean that development comes first, as in *In Larger Freedom* and the 2005 Outcome Document.
- I have added in speeches on conflict prevention and the digital divide, as well as the NAM summit speech (all in September) and the one to the High-Level Group of the Alliance of Civilizations (14 Nov).
- There was a feeling that the Middle East speech should be made in the region, and that the most likely time for you to travel there would be October.
- MMB felt that the Africa-China conference in Beijing (15 Nov) would be the ideal setting for your development speech.
- We thought the Schmidheiny award in St. Gallen (20 Nov.) would be a good venue for the speech on global health and bio-technology, given the concentration of big pharmaceutical research companies in Switzerland.
- The venue for the human rights speech is still to be decided, but it is generally felt that it should be on or near 8 December (when Human Rights Day is being celebrated this year).
- The speeches on "strengthening the UN" and "global governance and accountability" have been merged, with emphasis mainly on the latter. This should be the rousing finale of the series. We thought it would be worth your travelling to "middle America" – specifically the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, to honour one of the UN's founders – to deliver this message.
- The coda would be your farewell address to staff, which could be at the beginning of the last working week before Christmas.

Please can you confirm your approval of this programme, with any comments or changes you wish to suggest?

Many thanks. Yours sincerely, EM

Edward Mortimer
26 July 2006

cc: MMB, VN, RO, KSK

Suggested calendar of major SG speeches, Sept-Dec 2006

- 7 September Prevention of deadly conflict: joint presentation of report with outgoing GA President.
- 14 September Migration (at General Assembly High-level Dialogue): repeating message that migration can bring gains to all parties if properly managed, and perhaps taking further the proposal for a permanent UN forum in which govts can compare notes and learn from each other's best practices.
- 15 September Speech to NAM Summit (Havana). Theme under discussion – senior adviser VN.
- 19 September Speech to GA: based on introduction to annual report. Sums up conclusions of SG's tenure in (i) development, (ii) security, (iii) human rights, (iv) "global governance and accountability", setting out in broad terms what still needs doing in each area and promising to do so in more detail in a series of speeches during the remainder of his term.
- 27 September The Digital Divide (ICT Global Alliance, NY): chance to recall a major theme of the 2000 Millennium Report.
- Date tbd Middle East: need to address root causes of violence in more equitable way; and need to focus on results not symbolic structures and declarations. (Venue in Middle East tbd – ideally American University of Beirut.)
- 5 November **I. Development**: the UN's achievement in establishing the MDGs as the world's main development agenda; remaining work to reach them and specific impediments; migration as agent of devpt.; environment & energy; trade. Strong statistics. (Africa-China conference, Beijing.) Senior advisers: MMB, AB. (J Sachs?)
- 14 November The need to foster understanding and mutual respect between people of different cultures and traditions. (Istanbul – meeting to receive report of High-Level Group on the Alliance of Civilizations.)
- 15 November Climate Change: possibly the greatest challenge to humanity in 21st century, as the public is now beginning to grasp – but it's a much more urgent problem than generally realised. (UN Climate Change Conference, Nairobi.)
- 20 November Global Health & Bio-Technology: message similar to that on migration – stressing value of bio-tech to human well-being and especially development, provided risks and ethical problems are sensibly managed. Addressed to both corporate and academic scientists. (Schmidtheiny Foundation, St. Gallen, Switzerland.)
- Date tbd **II. Security**: impact of declining faith in multilateral-based approaches to WMD, disarmament & non-proliferation; progress required on complementary and mutually reinforcing disarmament and non-proliferation efforts; the case for a multilateral security system firmly

grounded in international institutions, treaties, rules, and norms of behaviour. (Public Lecture at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton.) Senior Adviser: RO.

7 or 8 December? **III. Human Rights:** How do we make the coming decade on of implementing HR norms – i.p. the norm of responsibility to protect? What happens when member states in multilateral institutions can't or won't agree to fulfil responsibilities? Need to confront internal as well as external aggression, and cost of failure to do so. Need to make respect for HR a central feature of counter-terrorism strategy. (Human Rights Day, venue tbd.) Senior advisers: RO, MD, with help from L. Arbour (& Irene Khan?).

Date tbd in mid December. **IV. Global Governance and Accountability:** what still needs to be changed/reformed in the UN, but also broader accountability in the conduct of international affairs – responsibility of governors to the governed and of the powerful to those over whom power is exercised; need for accountability, transparency and fair representation in reformed global institutions, from Sec Co to IMF; need to provide institutional expression for an emerging global community, underpinned by bonds of human solidarity and mutual respect between societies, cultures and traditions. (Possible venue: Truman Library, Independence, Missouri.) Senior adviser: JR.

18 December? Farewell address to staff: the independence of the Secretariat; a UN at the service of all peoples. (UNHQ)