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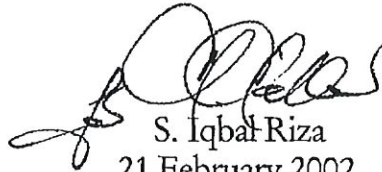
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Note to Mr. Desai

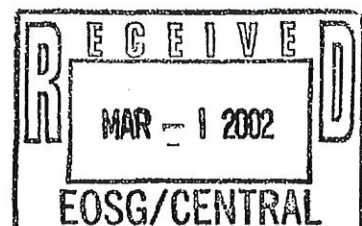
Special high-level meeting of ECOSOC with the BWIs

1. The Secretary-General has approved the recommendation contained in your note to him of 15 February, namely that he would host a cocktail/dinner on 21 April, open the meeting at 9:30 on 22 April and host a luncheon on that day.
2. The Secretary-General would appreciate your providing further details and, in particular, scenarios for all three events.

Thank you.

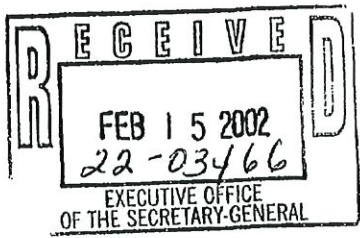

S. Iqbal Riza
21 February 2002

cc: Ms. Lindenmayer



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for your attention.
ND is eagerly awaiting
reply since BW
need to go ahead
with finalizing
arrangements. 7.3.02



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Note to Mr. S. Iqbal Riza

**Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council
with the Bretton Woods Institutions, 22 April 2002**


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Further to Mr. Desai's note of 18 January on the subject noted above (copy attached), we have been informed a few hours ago that the spring meetings of the Bretton Woods Institutions in Washington have been advanced by one day so that the Development Committee will conclude its meeting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 21st April, instead of Monday, 22nd April as previously scheduled.

In view of this, the date of the Special high-level ECOSOC meeting with the BWIs will also need to be advanced by one day to Monday, 22nd April, instead of the proposed date of 23rd April indicated in my earlier note to you.

The World Bank and the IMF have proposed that the programme begin the evening before the meeting, i.e. on Sunday, 21st April with a cocktail/dinner hosted by the Secretary-General in honour of the visiting finance ministers and other guests from Washington. The purpose would be to have an informal social occasion when ministers and ambassadors could interact freely with each other on how to organize the follow-up to the Monterrey Conference.

Thus, it is recommended that the Secretary-General may wish to host the cocktail/dinner on 21st April, open the meeting at 9:30 am on 22 April 2002, and host a luncheon on that day as in previous years.


Nitin Desai
15 February 2002

Approved.
I expect details
[Signature]
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cc: The Deputy Secretary-General
Ms. E. Lindenmayer

#4 21 Feb.

Note for the Secretary-General

Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, 23 April 2002

The ECOSOC will hold the fifth annual high-level meeting with the BWIs on 23 April 2002 at United Nations Headquarters from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The meeting will take place following the spring meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee.

The meeting this year is especially important in view of its proposed theme, which is "Outcome of and Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development". The meeting, to be held just one month after the convening of FfD, could contribute to maintaining the political momentum on financing for development and help forge closer relationship with BWIs in the following-up to the FfD process.

Following consultations with the World Bank and the IMF, some innovations are being proposed to make the exchanges this year more informal and interactive. It is proposed that the programme begin on 22 April evening with a social occasion (dinner/reception) hosted by the Secretary-General. The formal meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on 23 April with opening statements by the President of ECOSOC and the Secretary-General in the ECOSOC Chamber. Following the opening session, the formal meeting would be suspended and the participants will be split into two groups with a balanced composition to allow active interaction between Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation and Permanent Representatives. These two groups would meet in informal sessions in small conference rooms from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will address the same overall theme. There will be no written or formal statements. Following the informal sessions, the formal meeting will be reconvened in the ECOSOC Chamber at which point the President of ECOSOC and Chairpersons of the IMFC and the Development Committee together with chairpersons of G24 and G10 would make brief statements and will give their views on what had transpired in the informal meeting. After their statements, a discussion and question and answer period would provide all Members of ECOSOC an opportunity to express their views. The meeting would be closed by the President of ECOSOC followed by a lunch hosted by the Secretary-General as in previous years.

We are collaborating closely with the World Bank and the IMF to finalize the specific topic for the dialogue, which should relate to the concerns of both institutions. We will also work with the BWIs to ensure the personal participation of all panelists, and Finance Ministers and of high-level officials from the Bank and the Fund.

We will also make a systematic effort to ensure participation at the ministerial level of ECOSOC members. To that end, the Council President will write to all Permanent Representatives to underline the importance of ministerial-level participation for the success of the event. As in the past, the Council President and Bureau hope that

your personal follow-up letters to panelists as well as to members of ECOSOC will provide further impetus to ensure such participation. Draft letters will be submitted for your approval once the Council formally confirms the date and organization of the special high-level meeting. ECOSOC members and BWI participants once again look forward to your opening address and participation in the meeting on 23 April 2002.

In summary, therefore, it is also recommended that you may wish to host a dinner/reception the evening before the meeting (on 22 April) and a working luncheon following the meeting (on 23 April), for participating ministers and other high-level officials.

Your personal participation in the event would send an important signal of the high priority attached by the United Nations to ensuring follow-up to the commitments made at FfD and to further strengthening the relationship between ECOSOC and BWIs.



Nitin Desai
18 January 2002

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General