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**Implementation of and follow-up to major
United Nations conferences and summits****Follow-up to the International Conference
on Financing for Development****Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of
Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

We are pleased to draw your attention to the report entitled “Unleashing entrepreneurship: making business work for the poor”, which was presented to you in March 2004 by the Commission on the Private Sector and Development, which in turn had been convened by you in July 2003 and co-chaired by the Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada, and Mr. Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico. The report contains, inter alia, recommendations on how the major actors — Governments, public development institutions, the private sector and civil society organizations — can modify their actions and approaches to significantly enhance the ability of the private sector to advance the development process.

The eminent members of the Commission have endorsed the report as a whole to stimulate a wider process of public dialogue and common endeavour. It is hoped that the report will encourage a coalition of major stakeholders to partner with the private sector in order to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the alleviation of poverty.

In the light of the report’s importance and relevance to the work of the United Nations, particularly in the economic and social field, we would be grateful if the present letter and the attached extract from the report (see annex) could be issued as a document of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under items 56, 85,

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86, 89 and 91 of the provisional agenda. In addition, we would like to request that it be included for consideration at the substantive session of 2005 of the Economic and Social Council, under the items “Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits” and “Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development”, and at the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization.

The complete report can be accessed at <http://www.undp.org/cpsd>.

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