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NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING  
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Mr. Elliott Harris  
Special Representative of the International Monetary  
Fund to the United Nations  
c/ World Bank 885 Second Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Harris,

The undersigned organizations, belonging to the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, the Global Social Economy Group (GSEG) and NGOs actively engaged with financing for development, are writing to request the active engagement of the Bretton Woods Institutions at the highest political and managerial level in the follow-up process to the Financing for Development agenda at the United Nations, at both the ECOSOC and General Assembly levels.

The ongoing consequences of the recent financial crisis, and continued concerns about food and climate crises, and their negative effects on people living in poverty and on the least developed countries, continue to present a challenge to all stakeholders in the Financing for Development process. A coherent and collaborative approach to solving such challenges is, therefore, of the essence.

UN member states, which also largely constitute the membership of the Bretton Woods Institutions, stipulated, in Economic and Social Council Resolution E/2009/30, a two-day meeting between ECOSOC, BWI, WTO and UNCTAD to be held five weeks prior to the spring meetings in Washington. Resolution E/2010/26 reaffirmed the length, timing and modalities of the meeting. We applaud these decisions as very positive developments. It is important to ensure that the two days of this meeting which, regrettably, happens only once a year, are utilized to maximum advantage.

As NGOs, we appreciated the space that last year's meeting offered for dialogue about critical issues facing all of us. Many of us heard similar remarks coming from officials in both the UN and the Bretton Woods Institutions. We are looking forward to the engagement of the Bretton Woods Institutions at the highest level at the upcoming ECOSOC follow-up meetings scheduled for March.

We certainly hope to benefit from the meeting and to engage in dialogue with you during these days.

With kindest regards,

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Kevin Dance

Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development

**The following organizations have endorsed this statement:**

Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul  
Rural Area Development Programme (RADP), Kathmandu, Nepal  
HELIO International  
International Federation of Business and Professional Women  
Feminist Task Force of the Global Call to Action against Poverty  
Sisters of Charity Federation  
SERVICIOS ECUMENICOS PARA RECONSTRUCCION Y RECONCILIACION (SERR), USA  
AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS, USA  
Eurostep  
UBUNTU-World Forum of Civil Society Network  
CRBM, Italy  
Forum for Stable Currencies, UK  
IATP  
VIVAT International  
Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)  
Passionists International  
Social Watch  
INHURED International, Nepal  
Third World Network (TWN)  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd  
Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, (ANEEJ)  
UNANIMA International

Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN), Cameroon  
Social Justice in Global Development  
Foreign Policy in Focus  
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic  
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers  
11.11.11 Coordination of the Flemish North South Movement, Belgium  
Forum for Stable Currencies, UK  
World Democratic Government project association – WDGpa  
The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development  
KULU - Women and Development, Denmark  
The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) Beirut, Lebanon  
Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)  
WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development Assoc. , Germany  
Debt and Development Coalition, Ireland  
The Bretton Woods Project  
Dominican Leadership Conference  
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)  
EURODAD  
IBON, Philippines  
CAFOD  
International Catholic Organizations (ICO)  
SIGLO XX111, El Salvador  
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)  
Third World Network, Africa  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society  
Christian Aid  
SEATINI (South Africa)  
Marianists International  
CIDSE  
Loretto Community  
SOCIAL WATCH  
ATTAC-SWITZERLAND  
Kehys - the Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU  
Tax Justice Network TJN

cc. H.E. Lazarous Kapambwe, President, Economic and Social Council  
Mr. Robert B. Zoellick, President of the World Bank Group  
M. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, IMF Managing Director  
Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office