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Dear Colleague,

As we enter the final stage of our mandate as Co-Chairs of the Ad hoc working group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the LDC category, we are pleased to invite you to attend its second, and last, formal meeting on Wednesday 6 June 2012, at 11:30 a.m. in Conference Room 4 of the North Lawn Building.

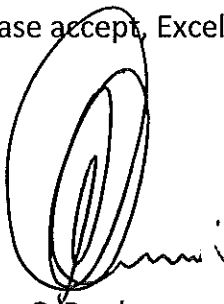
We are deeply grateful to all Member States for their active participation and collaborative spirit that have permeated the four substantive meetings of the working group held over the past five months. Furthermore, we are very appreciative of the constant support of the President of the General Assembly, and his team, and of the invaluable backstopping provided by the OHRLLS, as substantive secretariat of the Working Group and by the DESA Secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy.

At our last meeting on 8 May 2012, Member States had the opportunity to consider our draft list of recommendations summarizing the vast array of proposals put forward by Member States and other partners during the substantive meetings of the working group. We kindly reiterate to all delegations that the recommendations of the Ad hoc working group are not intended to be necessarily consensus positions but summarize the key issues and proposals to facilitate possible further consideration of these issues at the forthcoming 67th session of the General Assembly.

Taking into account all comments received since the 8 May meeting, we have further revised the draft recommendations, which are now an integral part of the draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, to be issued shortly as document A/AC.279/2012/L.1 for consideration and adoption at the second formal meeting on 6 June. The agenda for the meeting is contained in document A/AC.279/2012/L.2. All relevant documents are available for download on the UN-OHRLLS website at <http://www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

We look forward to seeing all of you on 6 June to celebrate the successful conclusion of the mandate of this Ad Hoc Working Group.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Brian G. Bowler
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