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INFORMAL MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Chaired by Alain JOYANDET,
Deputy-Minister for Cooperation and Francophonie

Bordeaux, 29 and 30 September 2008

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday 29 September

Morning

Heads of delegation arrival and check in at the Pullman Aquitana Hotel, conference and accommodation place during the Informal EU Development Ministers' Meeting.

12:30 to 1:00 pm

Welcome by Deputy Minister Alain Joyandet.

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Working session for heads of delegation: a European response to the **food crisis**.

Speakers:

- M. Michel GRIFFON, Economist specialist of agriculture in developing countries
- M. Lennart BÅGE, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development
- M. Gay MITCHELL, Member of the European Parliament, rapporteur of the regulation « For a rapid response to the crisis caused by high food prices in developing countries »

Questions for the debate:

1. How should we respond, in the longer term, to the structural causes of the food crisis?
2. Which international organisations provide the greatest added-value in this area?
3. Can we build on existing projects being run by partner countries, Member States or civil society?

3:00 to 6:00 pm

Plenary meeting on **European aid architecture**.

Introduction : review on New York and Accra meetings

- Mr Alain JOYANDET, Deputy-Minister for Cooperation and Francophonie

1st part: How can donors and aid instruments respond better to global challenges?

Questions for the debate:

1. Can we establish criteria for creating vertical funds at (a) international and (b) European level?
2. Do we need to establish criteria for Community contributions to multilateral funds?

2nd part: How can European aid architecture better respond to the issue of “aid orphans”?

Questions for the debate:

1. Can we draw up a list of countries where European aid needs to be strengthened?
2. Are Member States prepared to take action in ‘aid orphan’ countries?

7:10 pm

Departure of Heads of delegation to Bordeaux City.

7:30 pm

- Arrival at the Town Hall
- Welcome by Mr Alain JUPPÉ, former Premier Minister, Mayor of Bordeaux
- Group photo

8:00 pm

Working dinner for heads of delegation

Strengthening Health Systems in developing countries

Speakers:

- Mr Bernard KOUCHNER, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
- Ms. Michèle BARZACH, former Minister of Health and Family

Questions for the debate:

1. How to ensure health care?
2. Who will pay for social health protection in developing countries?

Development Policy Priorities of the Trio Presidency of the European Union Council

Speakers:

- Mr Jan KOHOUT, Czech Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Mr Joakim STYMNE, Swedish Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Development

Tuesday 30 September 2008

9:00 am to 12:00 am

- Plenary meeting on **preparations for the International Conference on Financing for Development** (Doha, Qatar, 29 November – 2 December 2008).

Presentation by Civil Society Groups, followed by a closed debate between Ministers

Speakers:

- Representative of CONCORD, *European NGO Conferderation for relief and Development*

1st part: Presentation of the challenges of current negotiations

Speakers:

- Mr Erik SOLHEIM, Co-facilitator of the Doha-process, Norwegian Minister for Environment and Development
- Ms. Heidemarie WIECZOREK-ZEUL, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Follw-up International Conference on Financing for Development, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development

2nd part: What are European priorities for Doha?

Questions for the debate:

1. What vision does the EU have of the international development architecture by 2020?
2. How can ODA act as lever for sustainable economic and social development?

- **A.O.B**

12:00 to 12:30

Press conference.

1:00 pm

Working lunch for heads of delegation on **climate change tackling developing country needs** in the context of the Poznan and Copenhagen Conferences.

Questions for the debate:

1. How to take into account developing country needs in the ongoing negotiations?
2. How can we incorporate climate change into developing country strategies?
3. How can we finance adaptation to climate change?

3:00 pm

End of meeting, departure of delegations.