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EMPHASISES INCREASED AID TO VULNERABLE COUNTRIES

GROUP LEADER OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
BRIEFS LDCs ON AID EFFECTIVENESS

United Nations, 24 March 2005: At a Briefing to discuss enhanced aid effectiveness to Least Developed Countries, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Anwarul K. Chowdhury called for increased aid to Least Developed Countries and underscored Commitment 7 of the Brussels Programme of Action that emphasizes “mobilizing financial resources.”

Speaking to representatives of Least Developed Countries, the Group Leader of the Capacity Development Group in UNDP, Terence Jones highlighted three areas pertinent to Least Developed Countries: national leadership, capacity development, and accountability. Referring to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, he added, “The Millennium Development Goals are the overarching basis for measuring development effectiveness.”

Mr. Jones, in response to a question about the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, said that 25 Least Developed Countries attended the High Level Forum in Paris and raised the issue of predictability and reliability of aid flows.

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