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62/xxx. System-wide Coherence

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence (A/61/583), the report of the Secretary-General containing his comments thereon (A/61/836) and the report presented to the President of the Assembly on 21 July, 2008 by the Co-chairs of the Assembly's consultative process on System-wide coherence, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania, the conclusions and recommendations of which are appended to the present resolution;

Commending the pragmatic, transparent, balanced and inclusive approach taken by the Co-chairs to their work on behalf of the Assembly;

Having considered also the paper on "Institutional Options to Strengthen United Nations Work on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women" which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July, 2008 in response to a consensus request of the member States;

* **Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**

Looking forward to the independent evaluation foreseen in resolution A/62/208 of 17 December 2007 which will help the Assembly to form a comprehensive view of the ‘Delivering as One’ approach to the provision of development assistance through the United Nations System and, in the meantime; *acknowledging* the interim assessment of progress made and challenges remaining in this regard as contained in the ‘Maputo Declaration’ of 6 June 2008 (A/62/85-E/2008/83) issued by a number of least developed and middle income countries which have voluntarily embraced this approach;

1. *Takes note of* the report of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence (A/61/583) and of the report of the Secretary-General containing his comments thereon (A/61/836);
2. *welcomes* the report presented by the Irish and Tanzanian Co-chairs to the President of the General Assembly on 21 July, 2008;
3. *decides* accordingly that the Assembly’s continuing, and deepening inter-Governmental work on System-wide Coherence will focus exclusively and in an integrated manner on Delivering as One at country and regional level and the related area of Harmonisation of Business Practices, Funding, Governance, and Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;
4. *requests* the Secretary-General, drawing on the resources and expertise of the System and building on the outcome of its Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (A/Res/ 62/ 208) of 17 December, 2007, to provide to the President of the Assembly substantive papers on the crucially important issues of Funding and Governance as these arise in the context of System-wide Coherence with a view to aiding the Assembly, within the 63rd Session, to enlarge substantially the extent of agreement among member States on these issues; and

5. *welcomes* in this overall context the paper on “Institutional Options to Strengthen United Nations Work on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women” which the Deputy Secretary-General provided to the President of the General Assembly on 23 July, 2008; and *requests* the Secretary-General to provide a further, detailed modalities paper including as regards funding and focusing in particular on the “Composite Entity” option with a view to facilitating substantive action by the Assembly within the 63rd session;

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