

Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the attached letter from the Deputy Secretary-General dated 23 July 2008 on the issue of System-wide Coherence and the United Nations' work on gender equality and women's empowerment.

On 19 June 2008, I wrote to the Secretary-General following a letter by the Co-Chairs on system-wide coherence requesting a document setting out the institutional options for strengthening United Nations' work on gender equality and women's empowerment.

In this regard, this document is enclosed herewith for your further consideration as part of our ongoing consultation process.

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

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