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Press Conference/ Reception to Preview the 58th Annual DPI/NGO Conference

Tuesday, 6 September 2005, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
UNCA Club Room, Secretariat Building, third floor

Topic: A preview of the 58th DPI/NGO Conference.
Speakers will discuss the role of the civil society in the United Nations and their expectations for the DPI/NGO Conference, which will take place a week before the 2005 World Summit. The Conference draws its agenda from Secretary-General's report *In Larger Freedom: Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All*. As the title of the Conference – *Our Challenge: Voices for Peace, Partnerships and Renewal* – suggests, there will be many voices to be heard at the Conference, including, for the first time, those of Member States, engaging in roundtable discussions with NGO and civil society representatives. Presentations of about five minutes each will be followed by a Q & A session and a reception, hosted by the Conference Planning Committee.

Welcome: Jim Wurst, UNCA President
Moderator: Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations
Speakers: Joseph Donnelly, Chair, 58th Annual DPI/NGO Conference
Anwarul Chowdhury, United Nations High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States
William Pace, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement.
Rita Balian, President and CEO of Armenian American Cultural Association

(AACA); Founder of the Armenian American Wellness Center (AAWC)
in Armenia

Daily Press Briefings

Wednesday, 7 September 2005, 12:45 p.m.

Room S-226, Secretariat Building

Topic: Effective Partnerships

The panel discussion on the first day of the Conference will look into the challenge of effective partnerships for development. The role of the NGOs, civil society and the private sector in building capacity in developing countries, promote political stability and good governance, and encourage innovative solutions to common problems will be highlighted. Plenary and Midday NGO Workshop speakers will brief journalists on the exchange of views and recommendations that may result from their meeting.

Moderator: Paul Hoeffel, Chief, DPI/NGO Section

Speakers: Wahu Kaara, Ecumenical Programme Coordinator for the Millennium
 Development Goals, All Africa Council of Churches; Founding
 Coordinator, Kenya Debt Relief Network; Founding Member, Global Call
 to Action against Poverty
 Liz Burns, President, International Association for Volunteer Effort
 Ziad Abdel-Samad, Executive Director, Arab NGO Network for Development
 Amy Goodman, Host/Executive Producer, Democracy Now!, Pacifica Radio

Thursday, 8 September 2005, 12:45 p.m.

Room S-226, Secretariat Building

Topic: Development, Peace and Security

The second day of the Conference will focus on development issues, implementing the MDGs, peace and security, migration issues, human rights and collective action based on a “responsibility to protect” vulnerable populations against genocide, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. Guest speakers at this briefing will provide an overview of discussions in their respective panels.

Moderator: Paul Hoeffel, Chief, DPI/NGO Section

Speakers: Mamphela Ramphela, Co-Chair, Global Commission on International Migration
 Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs
 and Crime
 Daniel Opande, Former Lieutenant General of Kenya; Former Force Commander,
 United Nations Mission in Liberia
 Gareth Evans, President and Chief Executive, International Crisis Group

Friday, 9 September 2005, 1:30 p.m.

Room S-226, Secretariat Building

Topic: The Future of the United Nations

A set of four roundtables on the last day of the Conference, featuring representatives of governments and national parliaments, the United Nations, civil society and the private sector, will look at the future of the United Nations and the role of the civil society in it. They will focus on security, poverty eradication and strengthening of the Organization. Guest speakers at today's briefing will share specific recommendations that may be voiced during these multi-stakeholder dialogues.

Moderator: Paul Hoeffel, Chief, DPI/NGO Section

Speakers: Juan Somavia, Director-General, International Labour Organization

Hicham El Guerrouj, Member, Athletes' Commission of the International

Olympic Committee (IOC); Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations
Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Bernice Romero, Advocacy Director, Oxfam International

Anne O'Mahony, Regional Director, Concern Worldwide

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