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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
HUMAN SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Closing Session:**

**Friday, 8 September**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room 4**

**Scenario:**

**Moderator Remarks**

**Raymond Sommereyns**

**Director, Outreach Division**

**Department of Public Information**

[ - 4:35 p.m. Safety officer takes the floor to briefly explain security procedures

- Mr. Sommereyns is seated at centre on podium with roundtable moderators on both sides]

*[4:40 p.m.]*

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for joining us for this final, closing session of the 59th Annual Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations associated with the Department of Public Information, entitled “Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development”. As I mentioned at the opening of this Conference, Under Secretary-General Tharoor has asked me to convey to you his regret at not being with you.

We have had three days of lively discussions that provided real-life examples of the work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals that is being done on the ground by all stakeholders – the United Nations, governments, NGOs and the private sector. We learned a lot from the three plenary sessions which examined the following subjects: “Moving Accountability Forward: Accountability, Transparency, Equitable Trade Policies”; “Achieving Financial and Ecological Sustainability”; and “The Role of the Media and Communications Technology in Achieving the MDGs”. There were also six roundtable discussions, which took place simultaneously and you were, therefore, not able to participate in all. We will have an opportunity right now, however, to hear

from the six moderators, who will summarize the discussions for us.

Without any further ado, let me give the floor to Mr. Richard Berman, Moderator of Roundtable #1, which looked at “Science and Technology for Education”.

Mr. Berman, the floor is yours.

*[4:45 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. Mr. Berman speaks]*

*[4:50 p.m.]*

Thank you, Mr. Berman.

Next, I would like to call on Ms. Kitty Pilgrim, Moderator of Roundtable #2, which discussed “Emerging Approaches to Healthcare, including Gender-based HIV and AIDS”.

Ms. Pilgrim, you have the floor.

*[4:50 p.m. - 4:55 p.m. Ms. Pilgrim speaks]*

*[4:55 p.m.]*

Thank you, Ms. Pilgrim.

**Next, I would like to give the floor to Ambassador Augustine Philip Mahiga, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, who has kindly agreed to provide the**

**summary** on behalf of Ms. Sarah Sewall, Moderator of Roundtable #3, which reviewed “Human Security: Responsibility to Protect and the Peacebuilding Commission”. Ambassador Mahiga himself gave a very well received presentation at this roundtable yesterday.

Ambassador Mahiga, thank you for joining us again today and, please, the floor is yours.

*[4:55 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ambassador Mahiga speaks]*

*[5:00 p.m.]*

Thank you, Mr. Ambassador.

My UN colleague, Ms. Zohreh Tabatabai is up next. She moderated Roundtable #4, “Civil Society and Global Partnerships for Development”.

Zuzu, you have the floor.

*[5:00 p.m. - 5:05 p.m. Ms. Tabatabai speaks]*

*[5:05 p.m.]*

Thank you, Ms. Tabatabai.

“Commitment to Reducing Extreme Poverty and Hunger” was the topic of Roundtable #5, moderated by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Hicham Ben Abdallah el Alaoui.

Your Royal Highness, the floor is yours.

*[5:05 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. Prince Moulay Hicham speaks]*

*[5:10 p.m.]*

Thank you, Your Royal Highness.

And finally, our last Roundtable #6, “Promoting Respect for Cultural Diversity in Conflict Resolution” will be summarized for us by Carol Rittner.

Ms. Rittner, your turn.

*[5:10 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Ms. Rittner speaks]*

*[5:15 p.m.]*

Thank you, Ms. Rittner. (comments)

*[Moderators leave the podium.]*

Now I would like to invite Ms. Joan Kirby, Chair of the NGO/DPI Executive Committee and Ms. Michaela Walsh, the NGO Chair of the Conference to join me on the podium.

*[Ms. Kirby and Ms. Walsh come to the podium, seated on Ms. RS's first left and second right respectively; first right left free for Mr. Annan]*

*[RS pauses, waits for the SG to arrive and is seated on RS's right]*

It is now my great privilege to give the floor to United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, who has been gracious enough to join us immediately after his mission to the Middle East to be with us for the last DPI/NGO Conference, during his tenure. Allow me, on behalf of all of us in the Department of Public Information, and the vast civil society constituency with which we have been privileged to so closely work over the past ten years, to thank Mr. Annan for his leadership and, indeed, his personification of that partnership.

Mr. Secretary-General, you have the floor.

*[5:20 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mr. Annan speaks]*

*[5:30 p.m.]*

Thank you for your message, Secretary-General. It is my great pleasure now to give the floor to Ms. Kirby, Chair of the Executive Committee, who will - on behalf of the NGO Community affiliated with the United Nations - pay tribute to the Secretary-General.

**Mrs. Annan, who has graciously joined us again for this closing session and is seated here in the front (*RS acknowledges her presence in the front row*) will also be honoured.**

Ms. Kirby, please.

*[5:35 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. Ms. Kirby reads the scroll and presents it to Mr. Annan; at the same time, Mrs. Annan who is seated in the audience is presented with flowers by Jackie Shapiro; Mrs. Annan may wish to say a brief thank you using the cordless microphone Ms. Shapiro will be holding]*

*[5:40 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Mr. Annan briefly thanks Ms. Kirby]*

*[5:45 p.m. RS continues]*

Thank you for joining us this afternoon, Secretary-General. I know you have many commitments upon your time today and we are most grateful that you were able to join us. I would now ask my friends and colleagues to remain seated while the Secretary-General leaves.

*[Mr. Annan departs]*

Finally, I would like to invite Ms. Michaela Walsh, Chair of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference to give closing remarks.

Ms. Walsh, the floor is yours.

*[5:45 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. Ms. Walsh speaks]*

*[5:55 p.m.]*

Thank you, Ms Walsh. (comments)

As we conclude this Conference, I would like to once again thank all the speakers, moderators, participants, all of you here and those who joined us via live videoconference or live webcast and submitted questions online for contributing to making yet another DPI/NGO Conference a success.

I am reminded by the Conference organizers to remind all of the participants here to please fill in this year's survey and return it to the DPI/NGO Section. The survey is available in your Conference kits and online at the Conference website at [www.undpingoconference.org](http://www.undpingoconference.org)

Thanks and until next year!

/End closing session.