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Dear colleagues,

As you are aware, we will be holding an informal plenary meeting on Wednesday, 25 January 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 to consider the question of the review of all mandates older than five years originating from resolutions of the General Assembly and other organs, in accordance with paragraph 163 (b) of General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.

In order to facilitate the review by Member States, the Secretariat has prepared, a template of the document that will be presented to the General Assembly at the end of February, on the basis of the areas we had agreed upon at our meeting on 15 December 2005, as communicated to you by the Co-Chair's letter of 11 January 2006.

Please find attached the template proposed by the Secretariat for your review on 25 February.

Yours sincerely,

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## Examples of Mandates

1. World leaders at the 2005 World Summit requested "the General Assembly and other relevant organs" to "review all mandates older than five years originating from resolutions of the General Assembly and other organs" (A/60/1 paragraph 163 (b)). The Member States requested the Secretary-General to "facilitate this review with analysis and recommendations, including on the opportunities for programmatic shifts."
2. The scope of this exercise is defined by the 2005 World Summit Outcome document. The Summit Outcome requested that the review take place on mandates "*originating from resolutions of the General Assembly and other organs.*" This was reaffirmed by the letter of the Co-Chairs on Secretariat and Management Reform dated 11 January 2006.
3. In their letter of 11 January 2006, the Co-Chairs, summarizing the wishes of Member States, request the Secretariat to provide a listing of:
  - All mandates older than five years not reaffirmed since 2000;
  - Mandates older than five years which have since been reaffirmed;
  - Subsequent mandates (i.e., mandates adopted after 2000) which duplicate five year-old mandates;
  - Identification of which intergovernmental body is responsible for overseeing each mandate;
  - Identification of which part of the United Nations system provides support or is responsible for implementation;
  - Where possible, what the output of each mandate has been; and
  - Where possible, indication of resource allocations to the mandates.
4. At the request of the Co-Chairs, the attached has been included to provide examples of mandates stemming from principal organs, together with the requested information.
5. Attached is a wide-ranging set of examples of mandates, stemming from resolutions issued over several decades. Further clarification will be provided in the course of the briefing on 25 January.
6. The mandates can be organized by:
  - Principal organ
  - Agenda item of each organ
  - Thematic clusters as designated by the General Assembly
  - Year of decision
  - Resolution symbol
7. The attached are actual mandates, though for illustrative purposes specific identifying information has been removed pending submission of the final report.

## EXAMPLES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MANDATES

MANDATE	Organ	Resolution in which the mandate was included	Year of resolution adoption	Classification of Mandate	Agenda Item	UN implementing entity or entities	Outputs (where possible)	Indication of resources (where possible)
<p>"... Requests the [UN body on a specific convention] to hold meetings to exercise its functions under the Protocol after its entry into force, in addition to its meetings held under article 20 of the Convention; the duration of such meetings shall be determined and, if necessary, reviewed by a meeting of the States parties to the Protocol, subject to the approval of the General Assembly."</p>	General Assembly	A/RES/.../...	1999	Older than five years; reaffirmed after 2000	[name of agenda item]			
<p>"... Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with his functions, to consider providing support sought by the Secretary-General of the [other intergovernmental organization] in implementing the mandates arising from resolutions ... adopted by that organization."</p>	General Assembly	A/RES/.../...	1991	Older than five years; reaffirmed after 2000	The situation in [country name]			

## EXAMPLES OF SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATES

MANDATE	Organ	Resolution in which the mandate was included	Year of resolution adoption	Classification of Mandate	Agenda Item	UN implementing entity or entities	Outputs (where possible)	Indication of resources (where possible)
"... Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the [Security] Council by [date] a report on the situation in [country name] and in particular on progress made by [party name] towards a settlement which would peacefully resolve their differences;	Security Council	S/RES/...	1998	Older than five years; reaffirmed after 2000	The situation in [country name]			
"Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that personnel involved in United Nations peacemaking, peacekeeping and peace-building activities have appropriate training on [issue], and urges States and relevant international and regional organizations to ensure that appropriate training is included in their programmes for personnel involved in similar activities;"	Security Council	S/RES/...	1999	Older than five years; reaffirmed after 2000	[name of agenda item]			

## EXAMPLES OF ECOSOC MANDATES

MANDATE	Organ	Resolution in which the mandate was included	Year of resolution adoption	Classification of Mandate	Agenda Item	UN implementing entity or entities	Outputs (where possible)	Indication of resources (where possible)
<p>"Calls upon the co-sponsoring organizations, as soon as possible, to finalize and sign a legal document in the form of a memorandum of understanding outlining the responsibilities and functions of the co-sponsors, consistent with the provisions of [ECOSOC] resolutions 19./.., and to submit that document to the [Economic and Social] Council, through the Programme Coordination Board at its first substantive session, for consideration at a resumed session;</p>	ECOSOC	19./..	1995	Older than five years	[name of agenda item]			
<p>" ... Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the report widely to the Governments of Member States and to international governmental and non-governmental organizations interested in [issue], so as to elicit their comments on the conclusions and recommendations in the report."</p>	ECOSOC	... (..)	1971	Older than five years	[name of agenda item]			

## EXAMPLES OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MANDATES

MANDATE	Organ	Resolution in which the mandate was included	Year of resolution adoption	Classification of Mandate	Agenda Item	UN implementing entity or entities	Outputs (where possible)	Indication of resources (where possible)
<p>“...Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the Visiting Mission in the performance of its functions.</p>	Trusteeship Council	T/RES/... (..)	1993	Older than five years	United Nations Visiting Mission to [country name]			
<p>“... Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to give the necessary instructions to the Director of [entity name] to take immediate measures, in consultation with the Administering Authority, to increase the distribution, by means of broadcasts and pamphlets as well as by other suitable means, of information regarding scholarships available through the United Nations for the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of [name of territory] , so that the Secretary-General may include information on the results of these efforts in his report to the General Assembly at its [number] session.”</p>	Trusteeship Council	T/RES/... (..)	1963	Older than five years	Study and training facilities offered to inhabitants of Trust Territories			

