Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to share with you the Guidelines for the Common Country Assessment (CCA) and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

In response to the Secretary General’s reform proposal requesting “goal oriented collaboration, programmatic coherence and mutual reinforcement”, all member organizations of the United Nations system were invited to contribute to the elaboration of the CCA and the UNDAF Guidelines. The experience of the 18 UNDAF pilot countries and its assessment last year significantly enriched these efforts.

The Guidelines reflect the valuable guidance and important policy directives received from member states, as contained in General Assembly resolution 53/192.

The CCA and UNDAF Guidelines represent a major accomplishment on the part of the United Nations system in its efforts to develop common tools which allow the United Nations country team to achieve “greater unity of purpose” in responding to the pressing needs of the countries we serve. We look forward therefore to the successful application of these guidelines as clear evidence of progress of United Nations reforms.

Information on the scaling-up and the support available to you and your country team for the CCA and UNDAF exercises will be communicated to you in the very near future.

With kind regards,

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