





To the Foreign Affairs Committees of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

Copenhagen, 7. June 2005

Dear friends.

The Nordic offices of UNDP, UNFPA and WFP are addressing the Foreign Affairs Committees of the five Nordic countries.

One of the objectives of the three UN-organizations present in the Nordic countries is to enhance the relationship between UN and the national parliaments.

In September 2004 we conducted a field trip with seven parliamentarians from all five Nordic parliaments. According to the participants the field trip showed to be a valuable way of understanding the work of UN in the field.

The Nordic Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and WFP are now investigating the possibilities of arranging a new weeklong field trip for Nordic parliamentarians. We are proposing to let the field trip take place in the month of January 2006 – the country to visit would probably be in Africa. We would very much appreciate reaction from each of the Nordic Foreign Affairs Committees to this plan.

It would be most helpful if each of the Foreign Affairs Committees could indicate their interests in participating in such a field trip. In order not to operate with a very large group we suggest that each of the committees limit their participation to two persons.

UNDP, UNFPA and WFP are all engaged in the preparations for the summit regarding the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) which is to take place in New York in September 2005. If the Foreign Affairs Committees are interested we would very much like to meet with you in order to discuss the MDG-process and outcome of the summit.

Please direct your responses to Mr. Mikael Bjerrum, WFP Nordic Office, tel: +45 35 46 71 30 or e-mail: mikael.bjerrum@wfp.dk. We are looking forward to your reactions.

ours sincerely

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