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Communication received from the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation

The following text of a cable received from the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation is circulated for the information of the Governing Council.

"Much regret my inability respond your invitation to address forthcoming Governing Council session due ILO annual conference commencing June 3. I would however like to take the opportunity of reiterating our full support to UNDP in fulfilling its important role in the development assistance process. We consider it especially important that the resources originally planned for the third cycle programme should be available if United Nations development system is to continue to play an important part in responding to the needs of the developing countries, particularly as the third cycle programme marks a significant shift of emphasis to assisting the less developed countries. For our part, wish assure you and the Council of our continuing co-operation in achieving greater coherence within the system on the basis of the partnership principles to which we are jointly committed. I am fully confident that the UNDP Governing Council will, as in the past, rise to the challenges presented by the current situation. Francis Blanchard"