



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FOR
UNITED NATIONS MANAGEMENT AND REFORM

February 8, 2008

140 EAST 45 STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Melkert:

As you recall, on May 14, 2007, I wrote you to outline the following eight areas the U.S. Government identified where the Funds and Programs, and Member States responsible for the efficient and effective use of the resources of such Funds and Programs, could benefit from increased transparency and accountability.

1. Availability of internal audits and other reports, e.g. evaluations, investigations, etc. to Member States;
2. Public access to all relevant documentation related to operations and activities including budget information and procurement activities;
3. "Whistleblower Protection" policies;
4. Financial disclosure policies;
5. An effective system-wide Ethics Office;
6. Independence of the respective internal oversight bodies;
7. Adoption of IPSAS accounting standards in the Funds and Programs and
8. Establishing a cap on administrative overhead costs for the Funds and Programs.

We appreciated your response of June 11, 2007 and would welcome an update on the status of UNDP's action in regard to the foregoing eight areas.

I look forward to continuing our work to promote and achieve a truly transparent and accountable United Nations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Wallace
Ambassador

Mr. Ad Melkert,
Under-Secretary-General,
Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme,
One United Nations Plaza, Room DC1-2118,
New York, New York 10017.