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Cambodia's contribution to:

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Summit Outcome on Development and ECOSOC Reform**
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Mr. Co-chairmen,

First of all, allow me to join with other delegations to express our appreciation to you for timely convening today informal consultation, which would gather all important contributions for the process of ECOSOC reform.

My delegation is of view that it is important to provide substantive focus of our consultations on the follow-up to the political guidelines of the 2005 Summit as outlined in paragraph 155 and 156 of the Outcome Document, which reaffirm ECOSOC's role as the principal body for coordination, dialogue and recommendation in the economic and social spheres.

Mr. Co-chairmen

It is known that ECOSOC functions are vested under the authority of the General Assembly. In many respects, its activities resemble those of the main Assembly committees. My delegation fully agrees that we should work to avoid the duplication of the works of the ECOSOC and the General Assembly. Thus there is a need to upgrade coordination between the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies and the relevant organizations. The General Assembly should be a multilateral forum to focus on the deliberations and extensive studies on the overall policy and decision making on economic and social areas. Cambodia is of view that ECOSOC should be a development cooperation forum to provide solid

suggestions/recommendations from the learned experiences of the past and present. ECOSOC should be a multilateral forum to exercise the mandate to evaluate the progress made as a follow-up to the Summits and other major United Nations Conferences/Meetings.

Furthermore, my delegation supports the stronger role of ECOSOC in strengthening of inter-coordinated response to humanitarian Emergencies through ensuring more effective actions of the U.N system. The Council should be able to convene as and when required in order to be more responsive to emergency needs. In this regard, my delegation highly welcomes the Avian Flu Special Event successfully organized by ECOSOC on 3 November 2005, which underlined the inevitable function of this body in enhancing UN system-wide coordination, especially the human pandemic which may emerge.

Thank you.

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