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**Meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015
development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**

TO: Mr. WU Hongbo, DESA
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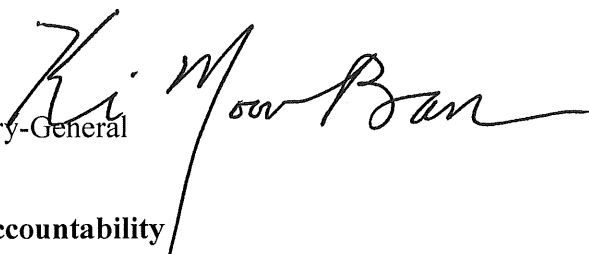
DATE: 13 June 2014

FROM: The Secretary-General

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SUBJECT: **Regional Accountability**

OBJET:

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1. As Member States' deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda continue, there is an emerging consensus that strong monitoring and accountability will be crucial for the implementation of the new agenda. The President of the General Assembly convened an interactive dialogue on 1 May 2014 in New York to address "Elements for a monitoring and accountability framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda". The Dialogue had the dual objective of initiating discussions among Member States on possible approaches to monitoring, review and accountability, and articulating ideas for a monitoring framework for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.
 2. As reported in the Informal Summary of the President of the General Assembly, circulated earlier this week, Member States called for a system of accountability including a strong focus on the regional dimension. It was noted that countries in the same region often share similar challenges and are likely to make greater progress by addressing them collectively. Post-2015 is a transformational agenda which needs new responses, builds on lessons learned, recognizes global partnerships, avoids conditionalities and serves people and the planet.
 3. In response, the President of the General Assembly has invited the United Nations system to consider ways to facilitate further discussions on the regional dimension, with a view to ultimately inform Member States' ongoing deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda.
 4. As a follow-up, I request each Regional Economic Commission to convene and organize, jointly with DESA and in close collaboration with UNDG, one two-day meeting per region at the Ministerial level, in cooperation with other regional entities, such as the OECD, the African Union, the Arab League, CARICOM and others, as relevant. The regional meeting will discuss regional views on accountability, garner political support for the initiative, and propose options based on existing mechanisms and possible new approaches. I would encourage Regional Commissions to also engage a cross-section of stakeholder inputs in these deliberations.

5. The outcome of each meeting would be a summary of the Chair, to be transmitted to the Secretary-General by mid-October 2014, to help inform my own Synthesis Report mandated by the end of 2014.
6. I have asked Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, my Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, to work closely with each of you to provide further guidance and support as you undertake this initiative.

cc: Deputy Secretary-General
Ms. Clark
Ms. Malcorra
Ms. Mohammed