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Dear Madam/Sir,

The completion of the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development (1 to 10 February 2012) gives me the opportunity to express to you my deepest appreciation for the spirit of productive collaboration that prevailed during the session. As the administrative unit of the United Nations Secretariat providing technical and substantive support to the Commission, my colleagues and I were pleased to avail ourselves to serve all the representatives of various constituencies of this intergovernmental body, including civil society organizations.


The fiftieth session of the Commission concluded its work with the adoption of a set of draft resolutions for the approval of ECOSOC. On the priority theme: Poverty eradication, a draft resolution was adopted after vigorous negotiations. This draft and other are contained in the following documents: Poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/L.7); Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for social development (E/CN.5/2012/L.4); Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (E/CN.5/2012/L.3); Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda (E/CN.5/2012/L.6); and Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2012/L.5). The draft resolutions and other relevant information on the session are available through the following link:  
<http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012.aspx>.

In submitting to you the draft resolutions that resulted from the work of the Commission, I wish to explore with you venues for an efficient and collaborative implementation process for these draft documents upon their final approval by ECOSOC during its regular session.

I wish to call your attention to the priority theme that the Commission adopted for its next two year cycle: Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all". This theme puts emphasis on people-centred development, as an overarching concept of social development and a holistic approach to the work of the Commission during the next two years. My Division looks forward to an engaging collaboration with your organization in preparing for the next two sessions of the Commission.

Finally, I take pleasure in sharing with you a note summarizing the contribution of civil society organizations to the work of the Commission during the session: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csocd/2012/docs/cso/CSOU-Report-2012CSOCD.pdf>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop that crosses itself, followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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