Dear Members of the Global Partnership

As Special Envoy of Mexico, and by consensus of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, I have been entrusted with the task of facilitating the preparation and consultation of the outcome document of the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership that will take place in Mexico on 15-16 April 2014, in the form of a Communiqué. In this regard, please find enclosed the first draft of the Communiqué for your kind consideration.

This draft reflects the contents of the roadmap, concept notes and ongoing preparatory teamwork that are underpinning our collective efforts towards the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership (http://effectivecooperation.org/hlm2014/); the exchanges sustained in this regard with a diverse array of partners attending relevant development forums and workshops held during the last six months in New York, Washington DC, Montreux, Seoul, Istanbul, Kuwait and Paris; as well as the results of the consultations on the Draft Zero of the Communiqué carried out at the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 13-14 February 2014, the Technical Seminar with the European Union Member States Experts on the Global Partnership held in Brussels, Belgium, on 21 February 2014, and the Africa Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on the Global Partnership held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, on 24-26 February 2014.

In the next few days and weeks, with the help of all partners, we should be able to continue improving this draft and to give rich content to its Annex on Voluntary Initiatives, building upon three main elements:

1. The inputs from further formal and informal consultations scheduled to take place at Paris (DAC-OECD Senior Level Meeting, 3 March 2014), Vienna (Arab Donors Coordinating Group, 4 March 2014), New York City (UN, G77 and China, regional groups, civil society representatives, 5-7 March 2014), Korea (Asia-Pacific Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on the Global Partnership, 10-11 March 2014), Berlin (UN Development Cooperation Forum, 19 March 2014) and Beijing (Preparatory Workshop for South-South Cooperation Providers for the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership, 24-25 March 2014), as well as through our online community and other relevant forums as required.

2. The results of the global monitoring report on Busan implementation, which are currently being released by the UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team of the Global Partnership.

3. The ongoing progress on the identification and articulation of deliverables by the core teams that are preparing the plenary sessions of the First High-level Meeting of the Global Partnership.

Thank you for your kind consideration. I am looking forward to keep working together with all of you and to benefitting from your generous support and advice.

Yours sincerely,

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First High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation