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The Permanent Mission of the African Union in Brussels presents its compliments to all the Embassies of the Member States of the African Union and to the Representations of the Regional Economic Communities in Brussels and has the honour to inform them that at the request of the UNDP in Brussels, **the African Group of Ambassadors in Brussels will convene on Thursday 31 March 2011 from 9.30 a. m to 11.30 a. m in the ACP House for an information exchange session and exchange of views with Mr. Cheik Sidi Diarra, Under Secretary General, Special Adviser on Africa, High Representative and Secretary General of the 4th UN Conference on Least Developed Countries(LDCs) on the Report of the Group of Eminent Persons, appointed in August 2010, by the UN Secretary General, with a view to considering the development problems faced by the LDCs.**

To this end, the Mission requests the Ambassadors to kindly find attached hereto a copy of the letter which the Director of the UNDP Office in Brussels addressed to it.

Considering that Mr. Diarra and his delegation must imperatively leave Brussels at 12.00 noon, the participants in this important meeting are kindly requested to be punctual.

The Permanent Mission of the African Union in Brussels avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all the Embassies of the Member States of the African Union and to the Representations of the Regional Economic Communities in Brussels the assurance of its highest consideration. *ajj*



Brussels, 24 March 2011

**TO: ALL THE EMBASSIES OF THE MEMBER
STATES OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND
THE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE REGIONAL
ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES
IN BRUSSELS**



Brussels, 23 March 2011

Dear Mr. Niang,

We would like to request the assistance of the African Union Secretariat in organizing a meeting between the Committee of Ambassadors of the African Group and Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa, High Representative and Secretary-General of the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries, on Thursday 31 March 2011, in the morning.

The purpose of the meeting is to interact with the Ambassadors following the presentation of the Report of the Group of Eminent Persons in Brussels on 29th March 2011.


The Group of Eminent Persons, appointed in August 2010 by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, is tasked to examine development problems faced by Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to share their experience and prepare the path to the Fourth UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) to be held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011.

The full membership of the Group is as follows:

1. Alpha Oumar Konaré, former president of the Republic of Mali (co-chairperson of the Group);
2. Sir Fazle Hassan Abed, the founder and chairperson of BRAC, the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee;
3. Nancy Birdsall, the founding president of the Center for Global Development;
4. Kemal Dervis, vice president and director of Global Economy and Development at Brookings Institution;
5. James Wolfensohn, chairman and CEO of Wolfensohn & Company and former President of the World Bank;
6. Hiromasa Yonekura, chairman of Sumitomo Chemical Company Ltd.;
7. Louis Michel, member of European Parliament and formerly the European commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid;
8. Louis A. Kasekende, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Uganda and formerly executive director at the World Bank; and
9. Sir Richard Jolly, Honorary Professor of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to a successful interaction with the Ambassadors of the African Group.

Yours sincerely,


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Director

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