



STATEMENT BY MRS. RUCHI GHANASHYAM, MINISTER, AT THE 2006 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE 61ST SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Mr. President,

Allow me to congratulate you, and other members of the Bureau, on your election as Chairman of the 2006 UN Pledging Conference.

India is strongly committed to the development agenda of the United Nations and is convinced of the need to accord to it the highest importance. Along with other developing countries, India believes that the development agenda represents a shared global commitment to poverty alleviation transcending national borders. We are convinced that participation in this Pledging Conference is a demonstration of a Member State's continued faith in the development agenda of the United Nations.

India's voluntary contributions to the Funds and Programmes of the UN system are symbolic of our commitment to multilateralism and to international solidarity in the process of development and poverty eradication. Our contributions, though modest, have been the largest from the South and at times larger than those of some OECD countries.

Mr. President,

I have the honour to announce India's pledges of contributions for operational activities for development of the UN system for the year 2007. These are as follows:

i)	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	\$	4.5 million
ii)	World Food Programme (WFP) (for the biennium 2007-08)	\$	1.92 million
iii)	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	\$	900,000/-
iv)	UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	Indian Rs.	9 million

		(Approximately US \$200,000/-)
v)	UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)	\$ 20,000/-
vi)	UN International Research & Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)	\$ 1,100/-
vii)	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	\$ 100,000/-
viii)	UN Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)	\$ 80,000/-
ix)	UN International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP)	\$ 300,000/-
x)	UN Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	\$ 20,000/-
xi)	UN Volunteers (UNV)	\$ 15,000/-
xii)	UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund (UNCP&CJF)	\$ 3,000/-

Thank you, Mr. President.

[BACK TO TABLE OF CONTENTS](#)