



STATEMENT BY MR. VIJAY KRISHNA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND  
MEMBER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION, AT THE 2007 PLEDGING  
CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT THE SECOND  
COMMITTEE OF THE 62<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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Madam President,

We thank you on election as President of this Pledging Conference. We thank the Secretariat for the documentation prepared for this 2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

The development activities of the UN system represent the United Nations to the outside world. For the millions of people in the real world outside, the work of the UN is understood through the activities of the UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies. India is convinced that the development agenda of the United Nations must receive the highest interest and attention of Member States. India believes, along with other developing countries, that the development agenda represents a shared global commitment to

poverty alleviation transcending national borders. India believes that through participation in this Pledging Conference a Member State can demonstrate its continued faith in the development agenda of the United Nations.

The voluntary contributions by India to the Funds and Programmes of the UN system are proof of its commitment to multilateralism and to international solidarity in the process of development and poverty eradication. The United Nations Special Fund was established in 1958. For its first five years, India's financial contributions amounted to more than one-third of the total contributions of all developing countries. Since then, our contributions, even though modest, have been amongst the largest from the South and at times larger than those of some OECD countries.

Madam 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:

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| i)  | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)           | \$ | 4.5 million  |
| ii) | World Food Programme (WFP) (for the biennium 2005-06) | \$ | 1.92 million |

iii)	UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)	\$	900,000/-
iv)	UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	\$	500,000/-
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 Settlement (UN-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, Madam President

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