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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives/Observers accredited to the United Nations and to Heads of Intergovernmental Organizations and Specialized Agencies, and has the honor to invite them to be represented at the High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 1 – 3 December 2009.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 62/209 of 19 December 2007 and 63/233 of 19 December 2008, and resolution 64/1 of 6 October 2009, this conference is to be convened, *inter-alia*, to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, and will have as its overarching theme *Promotion of South-South cooperation for development*, and two sub-themes (i) *Strengthening the role of the United Nations system in supporting south-south and triangular cooperation*, and (ii) *South-South and triangular cooperation for development: complementarities, specificities, challenges and opportunities*. The conference will include plenary meetings and interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on various topics, and is expected to result in an intergovernmentally agreed outcome.

The Secretary-General expresses the hope that, in accordance with resolution 64/1, delegations to the Conference will include the highest ranking senior officials, particularly those concerned with South-South cooperation or international cooperation for development.

An organizational note outlining the rules of procedure and providing programmatic and other details pertaining to the conference will be forwarded in due course to all participants, through the normal communications channels.

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The Secretary-General would appreciate it if the composition of delegations to the conference are communicated to the Director of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, Mr. Yiping Zhou (telephone: 212-906-5736, fax: 212-906-6429/6352 or e-mail SouthSouth@undp.org), as soon as possible, but no later than 6 November 2009. This information must also be copied to the Deputy Chief of Protocol via facsimile (212-963-1921).

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives/Observers accredited to the United Nations and to Heads of Intergovernmental Organizations and Specialized Agencies, the assurances of his highest consideration.

