Review Session on Chapter A of the Monterrey Consensus

Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for Development
Talking Points – 2/14/08

1) **Advance Accountable Governance**

   a. Promote rule of law, gender equality and fiscal transparency to advance public access to government.

   b. Fully engage women in the decision making process, recognizing their crucial role in reducing poverty.

   c. Adopt stronger institutional protection against corruption and protect civil society efforts to combat corruption.

   d. Ratify and enforce by all countries “The UN International Convention against Corruption and against Transnational Organized Crime.”

2) **Pro-Poor Public Spending Measures**

   a. Direct targeted spending toward fiscal space for development and poverty eradication.

   b. Establish national development plans and budgets in an open and transparent manner.

   c. Prioritize public investment in basic infrastructure such as education, health and social safety nets as necessary for advancement of the social good.

   d. Recognize the crucial importance of gender and social budgeting as essential for pro-poor development.

3) **Equitable and Effective Tax Systems**

   a. Expand fiscal space and broaden tax base.

   b. Introduce sound progressive tax policies.

   c. Increase revenues through rents on natural resource industries, drawing assistance from the “Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.”

   d. Utilize pollution-abatement taxes to raise additional revenues.

   e. Reform tax policy to close tax havens, revise tax treaties and use revenue-raising tariffs more productively.

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