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Excellencies,
Representatives of financial and trade institutions,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to this policy dialogue on the state of the world economy and its implications for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. We come together to share perspectives on what steps we, the international community, should take as we climb out of the deepest recession since World War II. Our distinguished speakers and I will lead this discussion and we count on your active participation.

Allow me to share some brief remarks about where we are at. The world economy

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As Secretary-General of the Rio + 20 Summit, I am counting on you - at the national and international levels - to commit to exploring and implementing sustainable development. We need your help now in building momentum toward success in Rio.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to a stimulating and productive dialogue today.
