





To the Foreign Affairs Committees of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

Copenhagen, 1 September 2006

Dear friends,

The Nordic offices of UNDP, UNFPA and WFP are addressing the foreign affairs committees of the five Nordic countries.

One of the objectives of the three UN-organizations present in the Nordic countries is to enhance the relationship between UN and the national parliaments.

In September 2004 we conducted a field trip to Zambia with seven parliamentarians from all five Nordic parliaments. In January 2006 we arranged another field trip for Nordic parliamentarians, this time to Malawi. According to the participants both field trips showed to be a valuable way of understanding the work of UN in the field.

The Nordic Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and WFP are now investigating the possibilities of arranging a new weeklong field trip for Nordic parliamentarians. We are proposing to let the field trip take place from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2007 – the country to visit is to be decided. We would very much appreciate reaction from each of the Nordic foreign affairs committees to this plan.

It would be most helpful if each of the foreign affairs committees could indicate their interests in participating in such a field trip. In order not to operate with a very large group we suggest that each of the committees limit their participation to two persons.

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Yours sincerely.

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