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The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations in Geneva and has the honour to invite the latter to the Launch of the revised Somalia Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP).

While still recovering from the worst drought in over a decade, Somalis suffered during the last months of 2006 and early 2007 both extensive flooding due to heavy Deyr rains and widespread conflict. The recently completed post-Deyr 2006/07 assessment by the Food and Agriculture Organization/Food Security Analysis Unit shows many rural parts of Somalia — mainly in the north and central regions — experiencing an improvement in livelihood and food security. Around one million Somalis (including 400,000 internally displaced persons [IDPs]) are now in need of assistance and protection for the next six months, as compared to the 1.8 million identified in August 2006. In order to better reflect the improved food security situation and related humanitarian needs, the 2007 Consolidated Appeal (CAP) has been revised. This revision takes account of the fact that any gains in food security must be viewed within Somalia's long-standing humanitarian and security contexts.

The meeting will be convened on

Thursday, 19 April 2007, 10.00 - 11.00 h in Room XVI

Please note that Ms. Merete Johansson, Chief of the Geographic Coordination and Monitoring Section, will chair the meeting and the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), Mr. Eric La Roche, will be launching the revised appeal.

Attached please find the agenda for this meeting. Kindly respond to Ms. Judith Leclercq (leclercqj@un.org or tel. No. 022-917 2029) to confirm your participation.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Members States to the United Nations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration,





AGENDA 19 April 2007 10.00 – 11.00 H Palais des Nations Room XVI

- 1. Introduction/Opening remarks
 Merete Johansson, Chief GCMS, Chair
- 2. Launch of the Somalia Revised CAP 2007 Eric La Roche, Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia
- 3. Questions/Answers and Discussion
- 4. Closing remarks
 Merete Johansson, Chief GCMS, Chair