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**PRESS RELEASE  
'ONE UN' for a better and more efficient UN**

**KIGALI, 05 APRIL 2007:** The UN System and the Rwandan Government today officially signed the concept paper on the UN Reform to be implemented in Rwanda as part of the overall UN Reform and as recommended by the recently released Secretary General's High Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence which reaffirmed the central importance of the United Nations System in the global development architecture. At the same time, it also highlighted the inadequacies of the current UN system to deliver on the high level commitments which have been agreed upon in the Millennium Declaration and in subsequent engagements.

According to the UN Resident coordinator in Rwanda, Mr. Moustapha Soumaré who has been Research Director of the High Level Panel on UN System Wide Coherence, the overall goal of the "One UN" is to create a better, more efficient UN whose undivided focus is creating a better future for Rwanda, and Rwandans. Moustapha recognized the commitment and support of the Government of Rwanda to "One UN" ideals. "Rwanda would not have been selected as pilot for the implementation of the One UN Reform without the proactive efforts of its Government that has demonstrated the desire and the commitment to play an essential role as the main owner of the reforms", Moustapha said.

The Government of Rwanda was represented at this function by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. James Musoni. "Rwanda is proud to have been selected as a pilot country for the implementation of the One UN Reform at country level in 2007. This pilot was initiated by the Secretary General of the United Nations is now endorsed by the Government of Rwanda", said the Hon. Musoni. For the Minister, the efficiency of the UN Agencies is crucial to the success of Rwanda's development endeavors and fundamentally, these reforms present an excellent opportunity for the development of Rwanda and its people. The main aim is to improve the impact, coherence, effectiveness and positioning of the UN system at country level, so as to better equip it to help Rwanda meet the challenge posed by the MDGs.

The International Telecommunication Union Secretary General, Mr. Hamadoun Touré, praised the Government of Rwanda for its committed leadership which helped put the enabling conditions for Rwanda to be part of the UN Reform pilot countries. 'ITU is part and parcel of the 'One UN' in Rwanda', said Touré. He called upon development partners to join in this endeavour.

All the UN agencies in the country and some non-resident signed the concept note which was also endorsed by the Government of Rwanda through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

The signing ceremony was attended by representatives from the Government, the donor community, and the UN System.

Rwanda has been chosen as the UN Reform pilot country together with Albania, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uruguay and Vietnam.

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