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Dear Colleague,

We are moving forward with the Global Task Team and the Resource Needs Framework.

In addition to the update that you received on Monday from the Co-Chairs of these groups, I wanted to further update you on a number of issues.

The meeting of the Global Task Team and its Working Group Co-Chairs that took place on Saturday 23 April discussed a number of key matters related to the ongoing development of the process. One of the key discussions was how the two groups established during the 9 March meeting would better work together and interact. In an effort to ensure broader consideration of the resource needs estimates being produced by the Resource Needs Steering Committee, it has been proposed that this body of work will be reviewed and commented upon by the Global Task Team. The two processes, however, would remain distinct.

As we move forward, I would like to draw your attention to a number of important upcoming dates. The Resource Needs Technical Working Group will meet for the first time on Wednesday 4 May. As agreed at the 9 March meeting, an update report on the Resource Needs process will be provided in the week of May 9. This will be followed by the next meeting of the Steering Committee on Tuesday 17 May in Geneva.

The first meetings of the Global Task Team Working Groups will occur between 12-18 May. Details are being sent to Working Group members this week. The first meeting of the Global Task Team will either occur on 19-20 May or 20-21 May, depending on the availability of the group's members.

We will, of course, keep you fully updated on these meetings and other progress.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in these two important initiatives. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Peter Piot.