INFORMATION NOTE

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Information Note by the Swedish delegation on Climate Change

With a view to the item "Climate Change" to be raised by Sweden under Any other business at the Development Ministers meeting within GAERC on 19 May 2009 and as a background document, delegations will find attached an information note by Sweden on the above.
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CLIMATE CHANGE

Sweden wishes to present the final report of the international Commission on Climate Change and Development during the GAERC meeting of International Development Ministers. The Commission is chaired by the Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation, Ms. Gunilla Carlsson.

The work of the Commission has focused on adaptation to climate change, its links with disaster risk reduction and how the strengthening of the resilience of vulnerable countries and communities can be supported by the international community. The report presents a number of conclusions and recommendations that will be summarized during the presentation. The report will be launched on the 14th of May at the UN, with participation of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The Swedish government is now studying the report and is working on developing the conclusions, together with existing policy in this area, into a policy statement. Sweden is also working on a joint paper with the European Commission that will be launched on the first day of the Swedish presidency on 1 July. Sweden would like to see the policy proposals presented by the international Commission on Climate Change and Development translated into early and concrete action.