We, Chairs of the All Party Parliamentary Groups on International Development collectively welcome the appointment of the UK Prime Minister, Rt Hon. David Cameron MP, as co-chair of the UN High Level Panel on post-Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We would like to take this opportunity to commend the Prime Minister on the leadership he has shown with regard to the international community’s continued obligation to the world’s poorest, as demonstrated in his speech at the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly. We wish to offer our full support and expertise as he advances the development of a post-2015 global development framework as a successor to the Millennium Development Goals. We urge that:

1. The post-MDG process should seek to draw together the different strands of ongoing work on this issue to ensure a single, coordinated, transparent process towards the creation of a new global framework for development. It should recognise that all policies in developed and developing countries, including policy areas such as agriculture, trade and investment, security, health, environment and migration, may impact on development.

2. All parliamentarians, as the group responsible for creating and monitoring national legislative frameworks, should be considered key stakeholders. Members of all national and regional legislatures should be given significant opportunities to input in the development of any new framework, particularly through the UNDG Country and Thematic Consultations in 2012-13. The UK Prime Minister should establish a robust consultation framework with UK parliamentarians, which includes significant parliamentary time, in order to ensure parliamentarians are embedded in the design and implementation of the post-2015 Development Agenda.

3. The post-MDG process should ensure all actors have fair and equitable opportunity to contribute in both the design and the implementation of the new framework, with particular emphasis given to engaging marginalised and vulnerable communities in the UNDG Country and Thematic Consultations in 2012-13 and beyond.

4. Any post-MDG framework must be clearly-defined, transparent and responsive to specific country needs. It should incorporate robust measurability and accountability structures to ensure a credible framework. Accountability frameworks should clearly engage parliamentarians in holding governments to their commitments. We encourage the UK Government to lead in this field by committing to regular and consistent reporting to Parliament on its commitments with parliamentary time set aside for this purpose.
Signed,

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