

## **Statement by The President of the General Assembly**

and I must say, commendable side, we saw an increase of some 4.8% in development assistance immediately following Monterrey. Some donor countries have reached the United Nations ODA goal of 0.7%, and have committed to reaching 1% during the period 2005 – 2006. Others have set time frames, for example, 2012, to reach 0.7%. The European Union

agreements reached at Monterrey be they at the national, international or systemic levels. If we are to effectively use it, we must be forthright in asking ourselves pertinent questions, in order to arrive at pertinent responses.