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Ne York, 16 September 2009 Global po ert - ghting commitments are more important than e er in a orld facing economic, food and climate crises, the UN said toda, in a report on s pport for the Millenni m De elopment Goals.

Altho gh de elopment assistance rose to record le els in 2008, donors are falling short b \$35 billion per ear on the 2005 pledge on ann al aid ro s made b the Gro p of Eight in Gleneagles, and b \$20 billion a ear on aid to Africa, according to UN estimates.

The report on *Strengthening the Global Partnership for Development in a Time of Crisis* as ritten b the Secretar -General's MDG Gap Task Force, hich brings together more than 20 UN agencies, the IMF, the World Bank, WTO and the OECD, to track progress on the de elopment partnership called for in the eighth Millenni m De elopment Goal.

Speaking as orld leaders prepare for ne t eek's General Assembl opening in Ne York, and the