

ORAL QUESTION H-0696/08
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Millennium Objectives

The aim of drastically reducing poverty throughout the world by 2015 seems to be becoming utopian. If the richest countries in the world want to achieve the Millennium Objectives by 2015 they must come up with more development aid.

According to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, this will involve an increase of 18 thousand million dollars a year. More aid is needed as a result of the increase in food and fuel prices.

Will the Council be making a statement on the need for an increase in development aid at the United Nations General Assembly, and encouraging the Member States not just to fulfil the commitments they have made but also to step them up?

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