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UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator makes first visit to Bucharest

Bucharest – 22 October 2008 – Ms. Kori Udovicki, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Europe and the CIS is coming to Bucharest for a two-day official visit to meet with high-level Romanian officials to discuss UNDP's role in the re-configuration of UN and UNDP presences in middle income countries.

Ms. Udovicki will meet with key UNDP partners ranging from the National Agency for Roma (NAR) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), including counterparts from the government's Official Development Assistance (ODA) project. The main aim is to strategically position Romania's emerging donor role in multilateralism and support to other countries.

Kori Udovicki assumed her responsibilities as an Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in 2007. Udovicki has strong international experience, including work as an International Monetary Fund economist focusing on the former Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Prior to that Udovicki held several senior management positions in the Government of the Republic of Serbia: Governor of the National Bank of Serbia; Minister of Energy and Mines. Udovicki, a Serbian and Bolivian national holds a Ph.D. and a M.Phil. in Economics, both from Yale University.

On Wednesday October 22 Ms. Udovicki will join Mr. Jan Sorensen, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Romania as he will host the UN Day diplomatic reception at Sala Rona Intercontinental. The event which will feature the opening in Bucharest of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) itinerant exhibition "Together for 2015."

This itinerant exhibition aims to increase the visibility of Romania's ODA for MDGs both nationally and internationally. It was launched in September 2008 in Brasov and will travel to major University centers across Romania until the end of 2009.

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