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# Goal 1

Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

## Target 1.A

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day

### Indicator 1.1

Proportion of population living below \$1 (PPP) per day

| Percentage of people living on less than \$1.25 purchasing power parity (PPP) per day <sup>1/</sup> , <sup>2/</sup> |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|
|   | 1990 | 1999 | 2005 |
| Northern Africa and Western Asia  | 3.5  | 3.8  | 3.8  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 55.7 | 56.3 | 50.3 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 9.7  | 10.8 | 8.0  |
| Eastern and South-Eastern Asia  | 56.0 | 35.5 | 17.8 |
| Southern Asia   | 48.9 | 42.2 | 38.6 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 1.9  | 6.8  | 5.4  |
| Transition countries of South-Eastern Europe  | 0.1  | 1.7  | 0.5  |

<sup>1/</sup> High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimates by the World Bank, September 2008.

### Indicator 2.2

Poverty gap ratio

(No new global or regional data are yet available.)

### Indicator 1.3

Share of poorest quintile in national consumption

| Share of poorest quintile in national consumption <sup>1/</sup> |  |      |
|---|--|------|
|   |  | 2005 |
| Northern Africa   |  | 6.1  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  |  | 3.6  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                                 |  | 2.9  |
| Eastern Asia  |  | 4.3  |
| Southern Asia   |  | 7.4  |
| South-Eastern Asia  |  | 5.7  |
| Western Asia  |  | 6.2  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                              |  | 7.0  |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe                    |  | 8.2  |

<sup>1/</sup> High-income economies, as defined by the World Bank, are excluded.

## Target 1.B

Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people

### Indicator 1.4

Growth rate of GDP per person employed

(a) Annual growth rate

| Annual growth rate of GDP per person employed, percentage |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
|   | 1997 | 2007 (p) |
| World   | 2.5  | 3.3      |
| Developing Regions  | 3.6  | 5.5      |
| Northern Africa   | -1.4 | 2.6      |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 0.5  | 3.5      |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                           | 1.4  | 2.9      |
| Eastern Asia  | 7.1  | 8.5      |
| Southern Asia   | 2.2  | 5.4      |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 2.4  | 3.6      |
| Western Asia  | 2.8  | 2.2      |
| Oceania   | -5.8 | 1.2      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                        | 2.9  | 6.4      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                  | 1.3  | 9.8      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                | 3.4  | 6.1      |
| Developed Regions   | 2.2  | 2.1      |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe              | -3.6 | 6.4      |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)                          | 1.8  | 4.5      |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                   | 1.4  | 4.8      |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                     | 2.0  | 3.2      |

(p) preliminary data

(b) GDP per person employed

| GDP per person employed, in 2000 US dollars (PPP) |        |          |
|---|--------|----------|
|   | 1997   | 2007 (p) |
| World   | 16,223 | 20,489   |
| Developing Regions                                | 8,126  | 11,837   |
| Northern Africa                                   | 14,495 | 16,487   |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                                | 4,544  | 5,348    |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                   | 17,906 | 19,459   |
| Eastern Asia                                      | 6,795  | 13,667   |
| Southern Asia                                     | 6,067  | 8,974    |
| South-Eastern Asia                                | 8,267  | 9,789    |
| Western Asia                                      | 23,022 | 25,850   |
| Oceania   | 6,822  | 6,733    |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                | 11,143 | 18,465   |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia          | 5,480  | 10,982   |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe        | 12,739 | 20,965   |
| Developed Regions                                 | 53,109 | 63,292   |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe      | 11,010 | 18,332   |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)                  | 2,775  | 3,598    |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)           | 3,618  | 4,842    |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)             | 14,963 | 18,645   |

(p) preliminary data

## Indicator 1.5

### Employment-to-population ratio

(a) Total

| Employment-to-population ratio, percentage   |      |      |         |
|--|------|------|---------|
|  | 1997 | 2000 | 2007(p) |
| World  | 62.6 | 62.2 | 61.7    |
| Developing Regions                           | 64.8 | 64.1 | 63.2    |
| Northern Africa                              | 43.6 | 43.2 | 45.9    |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                           | 67.8 | 67.1 | 66.8    |
| Latin America and the Caribbean              | 59.0 | 59.3 | 60.0    |
| Eastern Asia                                 | 74.9 | 73.9 | 71.9    |
| Southern Asia                                | 57.6 | 57.2 | 56.4    |
| South-Eastern Asia                           | 67.2 | 66.7 | 66.4    |
| Western Asia                                 | 48.1 | 47.7 | 48.3    |
| Oceania                                      | 68.2 | 68.9 | 70.0    |
| Commonwealth of Independent States           | 54.9 | 53.9 | 56.2    |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia     | 57.0 | 57.3 | 58.7    |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe   | 54.3 | 52.9 | 55.4    |
| Developed Regions                            | 56.1 | 56.6 | 56.3    |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe | 54.3 | 52.3 | 49.8    |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)             | 70.5 | 70.1 | 69.4    |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)      | 67.7 | 67.9 | 68.5    |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)        | 56.2 | 57.8 | 58.6    |

(p) preliminary data

(b) Men, women and youth

| Employment-to-population ratio, percentage, 2007 (p) |      |       |       |
|--|------|-------|-------|
|  | Men  | Women | Youth |
| World  | 74.3 | 49.1  | 47.8  |
| Developing Regions                                   | 77.1 | 49.1  | 48.9  |
| Northern Africa                                      | 70.0 | 22.1  | 27.8  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                                   | 78.9 | 55.1  | 54.8  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                      | 73.7 | 47.1  | 44.4  |
| Eastern Asia   | 78.4 | 65.2  | 63.0  |
| Southern Asia  | 77.6 | 34.1  | 41.9  |
| South-Eastern Asia                                   | 78.2 | 54.9  | 47.0  |
| Western Asia   | 69.9 | 24.9  | 33.9  |
| Oceania  | 73.8 | 66.2  | 56.3  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                   | 63.0 | 50.4  | 35.0  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia             | 65.6 | 52.4  | 37.4  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe           | 62.1 | 49.8  | 33.9  |
| Developed Regions                                    | 63.9 | 49.0  | 44.1  |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe         | 56.1 | 44.0  | 26.6  |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)                     | 82.2 | 57.7  | 58.7  |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)              | 77.7 | 59.6  | 57.0  |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                | 72.1 | 45.5  | 42.5  |

(p) preliminary data

**Indicator 1.6**

Proportion of employed people living below \$1 (PPP) per day

| Employed people living below \$1 (PPP) per day, percentage of total employment |      |          |
|--|------|----------|
|  | 1997 | 2007 (p) |
| World  | 24.2 | 16.4     |
| Developing Regions   | 30.6 | 20.4     |
| Northern Africa  | 3.0  | 1.3      |
| Sub-Saharan Africa   | 55.5 | 51.4     |
| Latin America and the Caribbean  | 11.6 | 8.0      |
| Eastern Asia   | 18.8 | 8.7      |
| Southern Asia  | 51.5 | 31.5     |
| South-Eastern Asia   | 24.1 | 13.3     |
| Western Asia   | 2.9  | 5.4      |
| Oceania  | 22.9 | 21.6     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States   | 6.5  | 1.5      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                       | 11.0 | 5.8      |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                     | 5.2  | 0.0      |
| Developed Regions  | 0.2  | 0.1      |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe                                   | 3.8  | 2.3      |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)   | 51.8 | 47.0     |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)  | 43.5 | 37.1     |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)  | 18.7 | 20.3     |

(p) preliminary data

**Indicator 1.7**

Proportion of own-account and contributing family workers in total employment

(a) Both sexes

| Own-account and contributing family workers, percentage of total employment |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
|   | 1997 | 2007 (p) |
| World   | 52.8 | 49.9     |
| Developing Regions  | 64.4 | 59.9     |
| Northern Africa   | 35.2 | 32.9     |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 76.1 | 71.2     |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 31.4 | 33.0     |
| Eastern Asia  | 63.2 | 55.7     |
| Southern Asia   | 79.2 | 75.8     |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 63.4 | 59.3     |
| Western Asia  | 37.1 | 29.1     |
| Oceania   | 62.3 | 68.5     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 13.9 | 15.3     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                    | 33.4 | 31.3     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                  | 8.4  | 10.0     |
| Developed Regions   | 11.4 | 9.5      |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe                                | 31.6 | 26.4     |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 82.6 | 77.2     |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                                     | 70.5 | 68.7     |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                                       | 33.4 | 36.7     |

(p) preliminary data

(b) Men

| Own-account and contributing family workers, percentage of total employment |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
|   | 1997 | 2007 (p) |
| World   | 50.7 | 48.7     |
| Developing Regions  | 60.6 | 57.0     |
| Northern Africa   | 31.8 | 30.4     |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 70.1 | 64.3     |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 32.1 | 33.3     |
| Eastern Asia  | 57.9 | 52.3     |
| Southern Asia   | 75.8 | 72.9     |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 59.0 | 56.0     |
| Western Asia  | 32.3 | 26.2     |
| Oceania   | 56.1 | 62.7     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 14.7 | 15.7     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                    | 32.8 | 30.1     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                  | 9.2  | 10.6     |
| Developed Regions   | 11.6 | 10.3     |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe                                | 29.8 | 26.9     |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 77.8 | 72.4     |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                                     | 67.8 | 65.7     |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                                       | 33.8 | 37.5     |

(p) preliminary data

(c) Women

| Own-account and contributing family workers, percentage of total employment |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
|   | 1997 | 2007 (p) |
| World   | 56.1 | 51.7     |
| Developing Regions  | 70.7 | 64.4     |
| Northern Africa   | 46.8 | 40.6     |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 84.4 | 80.6     |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 30.1 | 32.5     |
| Eastern Asia  | 69.6 | 60.1     |
| Southern Asia   | 87.5 | 82.6     |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 69.6 | 63.8     |
| Western Asia  | 52.9 | 37.7     |
| Oceania   | 69.4 | 75.0     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 13.1 | 14.9     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                    | 34.0 | 32.6     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                  | 7.6  | 9.3      |
| Developed Regions   | 11.1 | 8.4      |
| Transition countries in South-Eastern Europe                                | 33.9 | 25.7     |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 89.1 | 83.9     |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                                     | 73.9 | 72.4     |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                                       | 32.7 | 35.4     |

(p) preliminary data

## Target 1.C

Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger

### Indicator 1.8

Prevalence of underweight children under-five years of age

(a) Total

| Children under-five years of age who are underweight, percentage |      |      |
|--|------|------|
|  | 1990 | 2006 |
| Developing Regions   | 33   | 26   |
| Northern Africa  | 11   | 6    |
| Sub-Saharan Africa   | 32   | 28   |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                                  | 13   | 8    |
| Eastern Asia   | 17   | 7    |
| Southern Asia  | 54   | 46   |
| South-Eastern Asia   | 37   | 25   |
| Western Asia   | 14   | 13   |
| Oceania  | -    | -    |

(b) By sex

| Children under-five years of age who are underweight, 1998/2006, percentage |      |       |                  |
|---|------|-------|------------------|
|   | Boys | Girls | Boys/Girls Ratio |
| Developing Regions  | 27   | 27    | 1.00             |
| Northern Africa   | 7    | 6     | 1.16             |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 29   | 27    | 1.07             |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 9    | 9     | 1.00             |
| Eastern Asia  | 10   | 11    | 0.91             |
| Southern Asia   | 41   | 42    | 0.98             |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 26   | 26    | 1.00             |
| Western Asia  | 14   | 14    | 1.00             |
| Oceania   | -    | -     | -                |

## Indicator 1.9

Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption

(No new global or regional data are available. Data presented are from 2006 report.)

| Percentage of undernourished in total population |                    |           |
|--|--------------------|-----------|
|  | 1990-92            | 2001-2003 |
| Developing Regions                               | 20                 | 17        |
| Northern Africa                                  | 4                  | 4         |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                               | 33                 | 31        |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                  | 13                 | 10        |
| Eastern Asia                                     | 16                 | 12        |
| Southern Asia                                    | 25                 | 21        |
| South-Eastern Asia                               | 18                 | 12        |
| Western Asia                                     | 6                  | 9         |
| Oceania  | 15                 | 12        |
| Commonwealth of Independent States               | 7 <sup>1/</sup>    | 7         |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia         | 16 <sup>1/</sup>   | 20        |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe       | 4 <sup>1/</sup>    | 3         |
| Developed Regions                                | <2.5 <sup>1/</sup> | <2.5      |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)                 | 22                 | 19        |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)          | 38                 | 36        |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)            | 23                 | 19        |

<sup>1/</sup> Data refer to the period 1993-1995.

## Goal 2

Achieve universal primary education

### Target 2.A

Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling

#### Indicator 2.1

Net enrolment ratio in primary education

(a) Total

| Primary- and secondary-level enrollees per 100 children of primary-education enrolment age <sup>1/</sup> |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|
|  | 1991 | 2000 | 2006 |
| World  | 82.0 | 84.9 | 88.5 |
| Developing Regions   | 79.6 | 83.3 | 87.5 |
| Northern Africa  | 82.8 | 91.3 | 95.0 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa   | 53.5 | 58.0 | 70.7 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean  | 86.7 | 94.4 | 95.5 |
| Eastern Asia   | 98.0 | 99.1 | 94.3 |
| Southern Asia  | 71.9 | 80.1 | 89.8 |
| South-Eastern Asia   | 95.6 | 94.3 | 95.0 |
| Western Asia   | 80.4 | 84.8 | 88.3 |
| Oceania  | -    | -    | -    |
| Commonwealth of Independent States   | 90.0 | 89.9 | 93.3 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia   | 88.3 | 92.4 | 93.9 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe   | 90.8 | 88.0 | 92.8 |
| Developed Regions  | 97.9 | 97.4 | 96.4 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)   | 53.0 | 60.2 | 74.9 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)  | 53.7 | 63.0 | 76.3 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)  | 67.3 | 81.5 | 75.1 |

<sup>1/</sup> The net enrolment ratios in primary education correspond to school years ending in the years displayed.

(b) By sex

| Primary- and secondary-level enrollees per 100 children of primary-education enrolment age <sup>1/</sup> |       |       |      |       |      |       |
|--|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
|  | 1991  |       | 2000 |       | 2006 |       |
|  | Boys  | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| World  | 87.2  | 76.7  | 87.7 | 81.9  | 89.9 | 87.0  |
| Developing Regions   | 85.7  | 73.3  | 86.4 | 79.9  | 89.1 | 85.8  |
| Northern Africa  | 89.7  | 75.5  | 94.0 | 88.4  | 96.8 | 93.1  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa   | 57.5  | 49.5  | 61.3 | 54.7  | 73.5 | 67.8  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean  | 87.5  | 86.3  | 95.1 | 93.6  | 95.3 | 95.7  |
| Eastern Asia   | 100.0 | 97.3  | 98.5 | 99.8  | 94.0 | 94.7  |
| Southern Asia  | 85.7  | 57.0  | 86.7 | 73.0  | 92.0 | 87.3  |
| South-Eastern Asia   | 97.8  | 94.0  | 95.5 | 93.0  | 95.8 | 94.1  |
| Western Asia   | 87.0  | 73.3  | 89.1 | 80.4  | 91.7 | 84.8  |
| Oceania  | -     | -     | -    | -     | -    | -     |
| Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)   | 90.2  | 89.8  | 90.3 | 89.6  | 93.3 | 93.2  |
| CIS, Asia  | 88.6  | 88.0  | 92.6 | 92.2  | 94.5 | 93.3  |
| CIS, Europe  | 91.0  | 90.6  | 88.5 | 87.5  | 92.4 | 93.1  |
| Developed Regions  | 97.7  | 98.1  | 97.5 | 97.4  | 96.0 | 96.8  |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)   | 58.6  | 47.2  | 63.7 | 56.7  | 77.7 | 72.1  |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)  | 58.2  | 49.2  | 67.4 | 58.5  | 79.0 | 73.6  |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)  | 63.6  | 71.1  | 82.8 | 80.1  | 76.2 | 74.0  |

<sup>1/</sup> The net enrolment ratios in primary education correspond to school years ending in the years displayed.

#### Indicator 2.2

Proportion of pupils starting grade 1 who reach last grade of primary

| Gross intake rate at last grade of primary <sup>1/</sup> |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |
|--|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|  | 1999 <sup>2/</sup> |       |       | 2006 <sup>2/</sup> |       |       |
|  | Total              | Boys  | Girls | Total              | Boys  | Girls |
| World  | 82.1               | 84.8  | 79.2  | 86.3               | 88.2  | 84.4  |
| Developing Regions                                       | 79.4               | 82.6  | 75.9  | 84.7               | 86.9  | 82.5  |
| Northern Africa  | 86.6               | 90.4  | 82.6  | 91.9               | 94.0  | 89.8  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                                       | 49.0               | 53.1  | 45.0  | 59.8               | 64.7  | 54.9  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean                          | 96.6               | 96.1  | 97.1  | 100.4              | 99.7  | 101.1 |
| Eastern Asia   | 101.7              | 101.4 | 102.0 | 98.1               | 98.5  | 97.8  |
| Southern Asia  | 68.8               | 75.3  | 61.7  | 81.3               | 83.9  | 78.5  |
| South-Eastern Asia                                       | 89.2               | 89.9  | 88.4  | 95.4               | 95.4  | 95.4  |
| Western Asia   | 80.4               | 86.8  | 73.8  | 88.9               | 94.3  | 83.2  |
| Oceania  | 62.8               | 65.7  | 59.7  | 66.1               | 69.9  | 62.1  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States                       | 96.0               | 96.4  | 95.5  | 98.3               | 98.5  | 98.1  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                 | 95.7               | 96.2  | 95.1  | 100.9              | 101.7 | 100.0 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe               | 96.1               | 96.5  | 95.6  | 96.4               | 96.1  | 96.7  |
| Developed Regions  | 99.2               | 98.6  | 99.9  | 97.0               | 96.5  | 97.5  |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)                         | 47.2               | 51.2  | 43.1  | 57.2               | 60.9  | 53.4  |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                  | 53.1               | 58.4  | 47.8  | 61.0               | 65.3  | 56.6  |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                    | 73.9               | 73.9  | 74.0  | 73.3               | 73.4  | 73.1  |

<sup>1/</sup> The primary completion rate is calculated through the Gross Intake Rate at the Last Grade of Primary: "Total number of new entrants in the last grade of primary education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the population of the theoretical entrance age to the last grade". Global Education Digest 2004 (page 149) - Comparing Education Statistics Across the World, UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

<sup>2/</sup> The primary completion rates correspond to school years ending in the years displayed.

## Indicator 2.3

Literacy rate of 15-24 year-olds, women and men

### (a) Total

| Percentage of the population aged 15–24 years who can both read and write |                       |                       |      |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|
|   | 1985-94 <sup>1/</sup> | 1995-04 <sup>1/</sup> | 2007 |
| World   | 83.5                  | 87.0                  | 89.1 |
| Developing Regions  | 80.2                  | 84.6                  | 87.2 |
| Northern Africa   | 68.4                  | 79.4                  | 86.5 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 64.4                  | 70.2                  | 72.1 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 93.7                  | 96.2                  | 97.0 |
| Eastern Asia  | 94.5                  | 98.9                  | 99.2 |
| Southern Asia   | 60.6                  | 72.8                  | 79.9 |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 94.5                  | 96.1                  | 95.6 |
| Western Asia  | 88.6                  | 91.7                  | 92.8 |
| Oceania   | 72.9                  | 73.1                  | 70.6 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 99.7                  | 99.7                  | 99.7 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                  | 99.6                  | 99.6                  | 99.6 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                | 99.7                  | 99.7                  | 99.7 |
| Developed Regions   | 99.4                  | 99.4                  | 99.4 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 55.5                  | 64.7                  | 68.0 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                                   | 60.8                  | 67.8                  | 70.4 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                                     | 86.9                  | 87.8                  | 89.8 |

<sup>1/</sup> The regional averages presented in this table are calculated using a weighted average of the latest available observed data point for each country or territory for the reference period. UIS estimates have been used for countries with missing data.

### (b) By sex

| Percentage of the population aged 15–24 years who can both read and write |                         |       |                         |       |      |       |
|---|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|------|-------|
|   | 1985-1994 <sup>1/</sup> |       | 1995-2004 <sup>1/</sup> |       | 2007 |       |
|   | Men                     | Women | Men                     | Women | Men  | Women |
| World   | 87.8                    | 79.2  | 90.2                    | 83.8  | 91.3 | 86.8  |
| Developing Regions  | 85.3                    | 75.0  | 88.3                    | 80.8  | 89.8 | 84.6  |
| Northern Africa   | 77.8                    | 58.6  | 85.3                    | 73.3  | 90.8 | 82.2  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 70.8                    | 58.6  | 76.0                    | 65.0  | 77.2 | 67.3  |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 93.2                    | 94.2  | 95.7                    | 96.7  | 96.5 | 97.4  |
| Eastern Asia  | 97.1                    | 91.8  | 99.2                    | 98.5  | 99.4 | 99.1  |
| Southern Asia   | 71.5                    | 49.1  | 80.6                    | 64.5  | 84.5 | 75.0  |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 95.4                    | 93.5  | 96.3                    | 96.0  | 95.3 | 95.8  |
| Western Asia  | 93.9                    | 82.9  | 95.5                    | 87.9  | 96.1 | 89.3  |
| Oceania   | 75.0                    | 70.7  | 75.0                    | 71.1  | 69.8 | 71.5  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | 99.7                    | 99.7  | 99.7                    | 99.7  | 99.7 | 99.7  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                  | 99.6                    | 99.6  | 99.6                    | 99.6  | 99.6 | 99.6  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe                                | 99.7                    | 99.8  | 99.7                    | 99.8  | 99.7 | 99.8  |
| Developed Regions   | 99.5                    | 99.4  | 99.4                    | 99.4  | 99.4 | 99.3  |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 63.0                    | 48.5  | 71.5                    | 58.3  | 73.4 | 62.9  |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)                                   | 66.3                    | 55.8  | 74.3                    | 61.9  | 76.5 | 64.7  |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)                                     | 86.6                    | 87.2  | 86.8                    | 88.9  | 88.4 | 91.3  |

<sup>1/</sup> The regional averages presented in this table are calculated using a weighted average of the latest available observed data point for each country or territory for the reference period. UIS estimates have been used for countries with missing data.

## Goal 3

Promote gender equality and empower women

### Target 3.A

Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015

### Indicator 3.1

Ratios of girls to boys in primary, secondary and tertiary education

#### (a) Primary education

| Ratio of girls to boys gross enrolment ratios |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|
|   | 1991 | 2000 | 2006 |
| World   | 0.89 | 0.92 | 0.95 |
| Developing Regions                            | 0.87 | 0.92 | 0.94 |
| Northern Africa                               | 0.82 | 0.91 | 0.93 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                            | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.89 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean               | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.97 |
| Eastern Asia                                  | 0.94 | 1.01 | 0.99 |
| Southern Asia                                 | 0.77 | 0.84 | 0.95 |
| South-Eastern Asia                            | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.97 |
| Western Asia                                  | 0.83 | 0.88 | 0.91 |
| Oceania                                       | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.89 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States            | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia      | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.98 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe    | 1.00 | 0.99 | 1.00 |
| Developed Regions                             | 0.99 | 0.99 | 1.00 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)              | 0.79 | 0.86 | 0.90 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)       | 0.82 | 0.83 | 0.90 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)         | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.95 |

#### (b) Secondary education

| Ratio of girls to boys gross enrolment ratios |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|
|   | 1991 | 2000 | 2006 |
| World   | -    | 0.93 | 0.95 |
| Developing Regions                            | -    | 0.90 | 0.94 |
| Northern Africa                               | 0.79 | 0.95 | 0.99 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                            | -    | 0.82 | 0.80 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean               | 1.09 | 1.07 | 1.07 |
| Eastern Asia                                  | -    | 0.97 | 1.01 |
| Southern Asia                                 | 0.60 | 0.77 | 0.85 |
| South-Eastern Asia                            | 0.90 | 0.98 | 1.02 |
| Western Asia                                  | -    | 0.80 | 0.84 |
| Oceania                                       | 0.82 | 0.91 | 0.88 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States            | 1.03 | 1.00 | 0.97 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia      | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.96 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe    | 1.06 | 1.02 | 0.98 |
| Developed Regions                             | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.00 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)              | -    | 0.82 | 0.82 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)       | 0.85 | 0.86 | 0.83 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)         | 1.05 | 1.04 | 1.03 |

## (c) Tertiary education

| Ratio of girls to boys gross enrolment ratios |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|
|   | 1991 | 2000 | 2006 |
| World   | -    | 0.96 | 1.06 |
| Developing Regions                            | -    | 0.78 | 0.93 |
| Northern Africa                               | 0.54 | 0.68 | 1.00 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                            | -    | 0.62 | 0.68 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean               | -    | 1.13 | 1.16 |
| Eastern Asia                                  | -    | 0.55 | 0.93 |
| Southern Asia                                 | -    | 0.67 | 0.76 |
| South-Eastern Asia                            | 0.83 | 0.95 | 0.98 |
| Western Asia                                  | -    | 0.82 | 0.90 |
| Oceania                                       | -    | 0.68 | 0.86 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States            | 1.16 | 1.21 | 1.29 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia      | 1.04 | 0.90 | 1.07 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe    | 1.20 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| Developed Regions                             | 1.07 | 1.20 | 1.28 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)              | -    | 0.65 | 0.62 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)       | 0.86 | 0.75 | 0.83 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)         | -    | 1.21 | 1.54 |

**Indicator 3.2**

Share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector

| Percentage of employees in non-agricultural wage employment<br>who are women |      |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|------|
|  | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2006 |
| World  | 35.5 | 36.5 | 37.7 | 39.0 |
| Northern Africa  | 20.9 | 21.0 | 19.3 | 21.3 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa   | 25.3 | 26.9 | 28.5 | 30.8 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean  | 36.4 | 38.6 | 40.5 | 42.3 |
| Eastern Asia   | 38.0 | 38.8 | 39.6 | 41.1 |
| Southern Asia  | 13.2 | 14.9 | 16.7 | 18.6 |
| South-Eastern Asia   | 37.7 | 37.1 | 38.6 | 37.8 |
| Western Asia   | 17.0 | 17.6 | 19.2 | 20.3 |
| Oceania  | 33.2 | 34.7 | 35.8 | 36.4 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States   | 49.2 | 49.6 | 50.4 | 51.4 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia                                     | 44.7 | 45.3 | 46.2 | 47.9 |

**Indicator 3.3**

Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament

| Percentage of parliamentary seats occupied by women<br>(Single or Lower House only) <sup>1/</sup> |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|
|   | 1990 | 1997 | 2002 | 2008 |
| World   | 12.8 | 11.4 | 13.8 | 18.0 |
| Developing Regions  | 10.4 | 10.1 | 12.1 | 16.5 |
| Northern Africa   | 2.6  | 1.8  | 2.2  | 8.3  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 7.2  | 9.0  | 12.0 | 17.3 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean   | 11.9 | 12.4 | 15.7 | 22.2 |
| Eastern Asia  | 20.2 | 19.3 | 20.2 | 19.8 |
| Southern Asia   | 5.7  | 5.9  | 4.9  | 12.9 |
| South-Eastern Asia  | 10.4 | 10.8 | 13.9 | 17.4 |
| Western Asia  | 4.6  | 3.0  | 5.2  | 9.1  |
| Oceania   | 1.2  | 1.6  | 2.4  | 2.5  |
| Commonwealth of Independent States  | -    | 6.2  | 8.6  | 13.9 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Asia  | -    | 7.0  | 8.8  | 13.9 |
| Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe  | -    | 5.4  | 8.4  | 13.9 |
| Developed Regions   | 16.3 | 15.6 | 19.1 | 22.6 |
| Least Developed Countries (LDCs)  | 7.3  | 7.3  | 10.4 | 17.0 |
| Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)   | 14.0 | 6.6  | 10.7 | 18.6 |
| Small Island Developing States (SIDS)   | 15.2 | 11.3 | 14.2 | 21.0 |

<sup>1/</sup> As of 31 January 2008.

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