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# MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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**November 21-23, 2005, London**—The World Bank, in close collaboration with the British Government/DFID, will host the Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP) Advisory Committee and Trust Fund Committee meetings from November 21-23, in London, the United Kingdom.

These meetings are part of the regular review of management of MDRP. The Advisory Committee will discuss program progress to date and remaining challenges with members of the Technical Coordination Group and the MDRP Secretariat. Participants will include national governments, all interested donor representatives, key UN partners, representatives of regional bodies, and the international financial institutions. The Trust Fund Committee will meet in conjunction with the Advisory Committee to take specific decisions related to MDRP Trust Fund issues and similarly review program progress and challenges with members of the Technical Coordination Group and the MDRP Secretariat. All donors contributing to the MDTF are members of the TFC.

**About MDRP.** *Established in 2002, the MDRP coordinates partner efforts in the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants into civilian life once parties to a conflict commit to a ceasefire or signed peace agreements. The program helps governments meet demobilization and reintegration needs, which improves the overall security environment and creates the pre-conditions for sustainable development, contributing to the larger peace-building and stabilization process. The MDRP is financed by the World Bank and 11 donors -- Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Seven countries receive active support under the MDRP: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda.*

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