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**Joint Statement By The Secretary-General Of The United Nations And The
Chair Of The Association Of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), 19 May 2008**

In recognition of the outpouring of international solidarity and support for alleviating the devastating impact of Cyclone Nargis on Myanmar and the widespread suffering caused to its people, the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), announce the convening of an ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference. This Conference will be held on Sunday 25 May in Yangon, Myanmar and will be co-chaired by the United Nations and ASEAN. Member States of the United Nations are invited to participate in the Conference at the Ministerial level.

The Conference will focus on the needs of those affected by the cyclone, and seek international support and financial assistance for the international humanitarian response to meet the most urgent challenges, as well as longer term recovery efforts.

The co-convenors call on the international community to rise to the occasion and translate their solidarity and sympathy into concrete commitments to help the people of Myanmar emerge from the tragedy and rebuild their lives.

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