



**Subject: Human Development Report 2004
Cultural Liberty in Today's Diverse World**

We are pleased to invite you to a press conference to introduce/ present UNDP Human Development Report (HDR) 2004 on Tuesday 13 July 2004 at 11:00 am at the UN House Riad el Solh Square- B1 level. UNDP's Administrator, Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, will launch the report globally on 15 July in Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. David Stewart from Human Development office in New York will present the report during the press conference and give analytical review on the most important figures and findings mentioned in the HDR 2004.

As in previous years, the UNDP HDR ranks achieving Human Development for 177 countries based on a composite Human Development index.

This year's report argues that cultural freedom is an essential element of human development.

We are confident that the report will serve as a source for both news stories and editorials, and as an important reference for all of you.

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