



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 December 2007

Excellency,

There is wide agreement that the United Nations system has a central role to play to address climate change. In order to do so, we have to ensure the organization is configured in such a way to contribute most effectively to global efforts. In this regard, following my letter of 8 November on the programme of work I can now confirm that I will convene a high-level thematic debate entitled "Addressing Climate Change: The United Nations and the World at Work" on 11 and 12 of February 2008.

On the first day of the debate there will be an opening ceremony with an address by the Secretary-General followed by two separate informal interactive panel discussions in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panels will bring Member States together with representatives from the private sector, civil society, the scientific community, parliaments, the media, and the United Nations system to promote partnerships and to consider the approach the UN system might take to most effectively address climate change.

On the second day, a plenary meeting of the General Assembly will provide an opportunity for Member States to discuss climate change, including the Secretary-General's report requested by resolution 62/8 on 19 November and the themes of the Panels.

It is my pleasure to invite your delegation to participate in this thematic debate and to encourage representation at ministerial level or higher.

In early January I will make available a detailed program of the event and a background paper prepared in cooperation with the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General's report can also provide a helpful contribution to our discussions.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

To All Permanent Missions and
Permanent Observer Missions
to the United Nations

Srgjan Kerim

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Srgjan Kerim", written over the printed name.