



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 November 2007

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 7 November 2007, I have the honour to update you on the preparations for the informal meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy that will take place on 4 December 2007.

The meeting will begin with brief openings by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, followed by two interactive sessions. I am pleased to inform you that H. E. Mr. Baki Ilkin, Permanent Representative of Turkey and H.E. Mr. Elbio O. Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, have agreed to chair the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. I thank them for accepting this responsibility.

For your information, please find attached the provisional program which also lists the speakers from the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force. Following their statements, I encourage Member States to use this opportunity to intervene in an interactive manner on a given cluster together with representatives of regional organisations and civil society.

I would also like to inform Member States that there will be no formal list of speakers. The floor will be given on a first-come first-serve basis in accordance with the usual General Assembly practice. I encourage you to make short and concise interventions focusing on concrete implementation measures to allow as many speakers as possible to participate at the discussions.

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

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Srgjan Kerim

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**Informal meeting of the General Assembly on the
Implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**
Conference Room 1, United Nations, Tuesday, 4 December 2007
Provisional program

10.00-10.30

**Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations
Statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations**

Morning session (10.30-1 pm)

Chair: H.E. Mr. Baki Ilkin, Vice-President of the General Assembly, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations

1st cluster – Measures to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism (10.30-11.45)

Statements by

Mr. Sandro Calvani, Director, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

Mr. Richard Barrett, Coordinator, Al Qaida/ Taliban Monitoring Team

Floor will be open for interventions.

2nd cluster – Measures to prevent and combat terrorism (11.45am-1pm)

Statement by Ms. Latifah Merican Cheong, Program Director, the World Bank

Floor will be open for interventions.

Afternoon session (3. pm – 5.30 pm)

Chair: H.E. Mr. Elbio O. Rosselli, Vice-President of the General Assembly, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations

3rd cluster: Measures to build States' capacity to prevent and combat terrorism and to strengthen the role of the UN system in this regard (3 - 4.15 pm)

Statements by

Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Chief, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Mr. Ulrich Kersten, Special Representative to the United Nations, INTERPOL

Floor will be open for interventions.

4th cluster: Measures to ensure respect for human rights for all and the rule of law as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism (4.15 – 5.30 pm)

Statement by Mr. Ngonlardje Mbaidjol, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York

Floor will be open for interventions.

Closing session (5.30 – 6 pm)

Remarks by Mr. Robert C. Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Planning, Chair of the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force

Remarks by the Chairs summarizing the discussion

Concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly