



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 April 2008

Excellency,

Following the initiative by Member States (A/62/696), I will be convening an informal General Assembly thematic debate on human security on 22 May 2008 at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

In the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly made reference to human security and recognized that “all individuals, in particular, vulnerable people, are entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want, with an equal opportunity to enjoy all their rights and fully develop their human potential.”

In keeping with the agreement expressed by the Member States in the outcome document to further discuss the notion of human security, the General Assembly thematic debate shall provide an opportunity for an exchange of views among the Member States regarding the contents, the scope and the role of human security in the United Nations system.

I will revert to you shortly with a background paper that shall provide substantive input for the debate and further information on the organization of the thematic debate.

I look forward to your cooperation and personal participation.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Kerim', written in a cursive style.

Srgjan Kerim

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