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Excellency,

On 24 December 2010, the General Assembly adopted resolution 65/240 under agenda item 66 (b) on the "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".

The General Assembly decided, inter alia, to "hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-sixth session, under the theme 'Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development'".

In accordance with the above-mentioned resolution, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Michel Tommo Monthe, Permanent Representative of Cameroon, and H.E. Ms. Isabelle F. Picco, Permanent Representative of Monaco, to serve as Co-Facilitators and to lead the consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of that high-level meeting.

I would like to thank Ambassador Tommo Monthe and Ambassador Picco for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

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