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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

In reference to the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, to be held on Monday, 23 September 2013, in the General Assembly Hall, it is expected that a large number of delegates with disabilities would be attending the High-level Meeting. In order to accommodate the needs of those delegates using wheelchairs or other accessibility devices, changes may need to be made to the seating protocol of Member States in the Hall. For example, aisle seats may be reserved for delegates who are wheelchair users, which may not be in accordance with the General Assembly seating protocol. I would appreciate very much the understanding and cooperation of the affected delegations in this respect.

Delegations with special requirements attending the High-level Meeting are kindly requested to provide the following information, via email to enable@un.org and to papersmart@un.org, (copied to the General Assembly Affairs Branch: GAAB@un.org):

Requests for special requirements, such as:

- Wheelchair access;
- Hearing loops;
- Braille documents;
- Large print documents.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit this information no later than <u>Wednesday</u>, 18 <u>September 2013</u>. Information received after this date may not be accommodated.

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

Zdravko Ponos

Chef de Cabinet

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