



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 October 2013

Excellency,

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, has announced on two occasions, during formal plenary meetings of the General Assembly, his intention to convene the third high-level event on Climate Change in New York. In this regard, I have received a letter from the Secretary-General concerning the holding of this event.

In his letter, the Secretary-General underscores the need to ensure that full attention is provided to this pressing issue, while also making certain that the Climate Summit does not overlap with the start of the General Debate. The Secretary-General has therefore proposed that the high-level event on Climate Change take place on Tuesday, 23 September, 2014 and that the General Debate of the sixty-ninth session begin on Wednesday, 24 September.

Accordingly, I intend to submit a draft decision for the consideration of the Assembly, in order to accommodate the request by the Secretary-General and ensure the successful holding of the high-level meetings and events scheduled during that week.

I hereby enclose the text of the draft decision that I intend to submit for issuance.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Ashe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Representatives  
And Permanent Observers  
To the United Nations  
New York

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

**General debate of the sixty-ninth regular session of the  
General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, in particular paragraph 2 thereof,

*Decides* that the General Debate for the sixty-ninth session shall begin on Wednesday, 24 September, and that this arrangement shall in no way create a precedent for future sessions.