



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the attached letter from the Deputy Secretary-General including a concept note on the Secretariat's proposal for a strengthened gender equality architecture.

The concept note was prepared at my request following the briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on June 21 2007, to respond to Members States need for further clarity and additional information on the recommendations of the High Level Panel on System-wide Coherence on gender equality and empowerment of women.

The Co-Chairs will advise you on further steps to carry the consultations forward on this important matter.

I sincerely hope that the information provided in the concept note will enable Member States to have an informed and focused discussion with a view to achieving concrete progress that will strengthen the United Nations' gender equality architecture. I am confident that all Member States will continue to extend their full support to the Co-Chairs in the ensuing consultations.

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


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