



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 July 2007

Excellency,

I wish to draw your attention to General Assembly resolution 61/221 of 20 December 2006 entitled “Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace” and General Assembly resolution 61/269 of 25 May 2007 entitled “High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace”.

As you may recall, by these two resolutions the General Assembly decided that the High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace would be held on 4 and 5 October 2007, with a plenary meeting on the morning of 4 October, and two plenary meetings on 5 October – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The theme for the High-level Dialogue is “Interreligious and intercultural cooperation for the promotion of tolerance, understanding and universal respect on matters of freedom of religion or belief and cultural diversity”. Due to the limited time for these meetings, each delegation will be kindly requested to observe the time limit of 7 minutes for each intervention. The list of speakers will be open for inscription with the Secretariat as from Wednesday, 15 August 2007.

The General Assembly further decided to hold an informal interactive hearing with representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector on the afternoon of 4 October, and that it would be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. In this regard, I am pleased to forward to you an information note, outlining the preparation for this informal interactive hearing, as attached herewith. I will also revert to you once the nomination process for the informal interactive hearing is complete.

Given the importance of the subject matter, I would like to extend my invitation to your government to participate actively in the above-mentioned meetings at the ministerial or highest possible level.

I look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this matter.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Haya Rashed Al Khalifa', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

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