



24 May 2007

Excellency,

I would like to draw your attention to the attached letter from the H.E. Hilario G. Davide, Permanent Representative of Philippines and H.E. Thomas Matussek, Permanent Representative of Germany. On behalf of their respective groups, the ASEAN New York Committee and the European Union, they have asked me to convene a debate under the theme "Climate Change as a global challenge" at the earliest possible convenience.

Given the importance of this issue for the international community I intend to hold this meeting in the second half of July. I will shortly provide you with further details on the exact date and arrangements for the meeting. The Facilitators responsible for consultation on International Environmental Governance will assist me in preparing for this debate.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that H.E. Permanent Representative of Mexico, Claude Heller Rouassant will take over from his predecessor, Ambassador Enrique Berruga, as facilitator on International Environmental Governance. I am grateful to Ambassador Heller for accepting this responsibility, which he will carry out in close cooperation with H.E. Peter Maurer, Permanent Representative of Switzerland. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Ambassador Berruga for his dedication and tireless efforts to move this process forward.

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


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