



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith an informal summary of the proceedings of the fourth thematic debate on “Climate Change as a Global Challenge” that took place on 31 July - 2 August 2007.

As you may recall, the main objective of the debate was to raise awareness and provide a forum to the growing scientific consensus on climate change. The debate was of great success. This was reflected in both the depth of the discussions and the number of delegations that took the floor. In this regard, the debate was extended an extra day to give all Member States the opportunity to speak.

I would sincerely like to thank all Member States and invited guests for their support and active participation. I would also like to thank the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), in particular Mr. Sha Zukang for preparing the attached summary. I am hopeful that the summary will provide delegations with further input for the Secretary General’s High Level event on climate change on 24 September 2007, as well as the preparations for the Bali Conference that will take place in December this year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind Member States that they are most welcome to provide a summary of their national climate change strategy that can be posted on the President’s website.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Haya Rashed Al Khalifa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

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