



THE PRESIDENT
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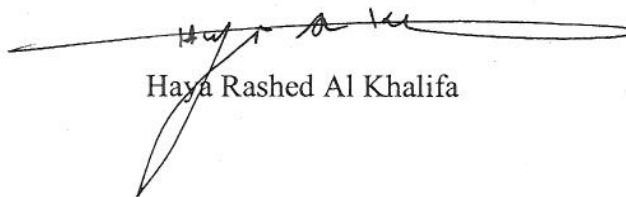
Excellency,

I wish to draw your attention to the plenary meeting to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 4 April 2007 in the afternoon to consider the reports of the Fifth Committee and to take action on its recommendations.

Reference is made in particular to document A/61/592/Add.4 on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007), in which draft resolution I is entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda".

In connection with this draft resolution, I wish to inform you that I have received a letter from Judge Rosalyn Higgins, President of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), dated 3 April 2007, expressing the ICJ's serious and deep concern that the proposed action regarding emoluments, as stated in the above-mentioned resolution, would create inequality of judges. It would also neither be in conformity with the Statute of the ICJ, which forms an integral part of the Charter of the United Nations, nor the intention of its drafters. Therefore, the President of the ICJ has requested the General Assembly to consider postponing its action on the concerned draft resolution to a later date.

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



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