



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 November 2006

Excellency,

I am pleased to inform you that on Tuesday, 14 November 2006, agreement was reached on all the outstanding issues regarding the draft resolution on the Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all delegations for their active and constructive participation in the consultation process on this important matter. I would also like to extend my most sincere gratitude to my two Co-Chairs, Ambassador Verbeke of Belgium and Ambassador Diarra of Mali, as well as to the Facilitator, Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu Aguirre of Mexico, for their tireless efforts in bringing this issue to a successful conclusion.

I attach a copy of the agreed text of the draft resolution, which is now being processed as an L-document, for your ease of reference.

I intend to put this draft resolution before the General Assembly for action on Monday, 20 November 2006. I hope that we will be able to adopt it by consensus, to enable the Economic and Social Council to implement its new functions as mandated by our leaders at the 2005 World Summit.

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

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

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

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