



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellencies,

Climate change is the flagship issue of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly. At the General Debate in September 2007 delegations have emphasized that the Assembly should make its full contribution to address this unprecedented global threat.

The Assembly recently adopted two important resolutions on climate change. The first contains a political commitment of support for success in Bali. The second calls on the Secretary-General to provide an overview of the United Nations work on climate change. This work is part of the General Assembly's broader mandate to set the strategic policy framework for the United Nations system.

It is my firm belief that we need to build a global partnership to effectively respond to climate change. It is only by acting together that we can overcome this enormous challenge.

Therefore, I intend to convene a High-level thematic debate at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 11 and 12 February 2008. The objective is to consider how the United Nations system in partnership with Member States, the private sector, civil society, parliaments and the media can most effectively tackle climate change. We have to create synergies in order to support the process of negotiations within the UNFCCC.

In Bali you have the opportunity to make concrete progress on how to decisively address the defining issue of our generation. I am confident that you can achieve this. You can be assured that the General Assembly offers its full support to this process.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my sincerest appreciation.

Srgjan Kerim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim', written over the printed name.

To the Conference of the Parties
to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
in Bali