



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 November 2007

Excellency,

Following my letter of 1 October 2007, I would like to further confer with you on the preparations of the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the Special Session on Children that will take place on 11 and 12 December 2007.

In its resolution 61/272 of 29 June 2007, the General Assembly requested its President -- following consultations with all Member States and with support from the United Nations Children's Fund -- to finalize organizational arrangements for the commemorative high-level plenary meeting, including the assignment of participants and the identification of themes and chairpersons for the two interactive round tables.

With reference to the two round tables and following consultations with UNICEF, I am proposing the following themes from the Plan of Action of A World Fit for Children:

- 1) Promoting healthy lives and combating HIV/AIDS.
- 2) Providing universal quality education as key to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and as the first line of protection against abuse, exploitation and violence against children.

Delegations may wish to focus their discussion using one or more of the cross-cutting themes from the World Fit for Children Plan of Action: ensuring child participation, mobilizing resources, gender equality, and sustainability.

There will be two Co-chairs for each interactive roundtable. Given their prominent role, the Co-chairs will be selected among delegates represented at the highest possible level with due regard to gender balance and equitable geographical representation. I invite Member States to submit their proposals by 19 November 2007.

*All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York*

For the format of the interactive roundtables we would like to encourage a flexible and dynamic flow of discussion among all participants, including NGOs and children. There will be no established list of speakers and interventions will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

All Members States and observers are invited to participate in either round table. The list of non-governmental organization and children participants was adopted by the General Assembly on 18 October 2007, following consultations with Member States. The girl and the boy to address the closing plenary meeting will be chosen in the Children's Forum.

The inscription for the list of speakers in the plenary meetings will be open as of Friday, 9 November 2007. Delegations wishing to inscribe should contact the Secretariat at 1-212-963-5063.

To ensure open consultations with Member States, the Observer State and observers in the preparation of the final outcome document, I have appointed the Permanent Representative of Brazil H.E. Ambassador Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti as facilitator, who will soon start the consultation process.

For your information, enclosed please find the draft program of the commemorative high-level plenary meeting and the side events.

Allow me to reiterate my invitation to your government to participate at the highest possible level in the commemorative high-level plenary meeting. I would also like to again encourage your government to include children and young people in their official delegations.

I look forward to your cooperation and active participation.

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

Srgjan Kerim

