



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 July 2008

Excellency,

As you know, Climate Change has been the flagship issue of the sixty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly. Beyond negotiations, I would like to inform you that the United Nations also seeks to contribute to fighting climate change in a very pragmatic way. To this effect, the Secretary-General has launched a very concrete initiative to optimize the energy consumption of the United Nations Headquarters during the next month.

This initiative, entitled "Cool UN", is aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the UN Headquarters by using air conditioning devices to a lower extent, both on weekdays and over the weekends, as you can read from his letter herewith attached.

I personally believe that this pragmatic approach is not only immediately beneficial to the challenge we face, but that it will also encourage, on a longer term, climate friendly behaviours from people working both at and with the United Nations.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim'.

Srgjan Kerim

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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