



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

07 July, 2008

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that on 18 July 2008 the General Assembly will discuss in plenary meeting the global food and energy crisis.

Since the beginning of the year, commodity prices have surged by more than 30 per cent, mainly as a result of record oil and food costs. These unprecedented conditions pose significant risks to the macroeconomic and political stability of a considerable number of countries, in particular low and middle-income countries. Given the nature of these challenges, and in response to requests from Member States, it is imperative that the General Assembly plays its full part in supporting steps to address the crisis.

I have asked the Secretary-General to address the Assembly and, in advance of the meeting, to finalize and submit to Member States the Comprehensive Plan of Action that he presented in draft form at the FAO Summit in Rome on 3 June 2008. I very much encourage your active participation in the meeting. Standard General Assembly protocol will apply.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim', written in a cursive style.

Srgjan Kerim

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