Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith an informal summary of the proceedings of the thematic debate ‘Addressing Climate Change: the United Nations and the World at Work’, that took place on 11-13 February 2008.

I would like to thank all Member States, Observers and invited guests for their support and active participation in this important event. The high interest in the subject and the urgent necessity to find solutions to tackle climate change was reflected in the depth of the discussion, the level of participation and the number of delegations that took the floor.

The summary can provide further input towards the General Assembly’s continued consideration of climate change. In this regard, the Secretary-General has agreed to my proposal to brief Member States on efforts to strengthen and coordinate the United Nations activities on climate change. In due course, I will revert to you with details on the two further meetings I intend to convene, one focussing focus on the needs and concerns of vulnerable countries and the other one on corporate responsibility and sustainability.

Please accept, Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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