Excellency,

Please find enclosed the programme and a background document for the meeting of the General Assembly on "Climate Change and the Most Vulnerable Countries – the Imperative to Act", to be held on 8 July 2008 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As previously announced, this follow up meeting to the High-Level Thematic Debate on Climate Change held in the General Assembly last February will comprise of a panel discussion. Climate change specialists have been invited to provide various perspectives on the challenges and threats facing the most vulnerable countries and how these can most effectively be addressed, particularly through adaptation.

Following the presentations, Member States, as well as special guests from the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, will have the opportunity to exchange views. I encourage you to make brief informal interventions to ensure a productive and interactive dialogue.

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

Srgjan Kerim

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