Excellency,

As you will recall, on 29 April 2008 the Secretary-General established a High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Crisis aimed at promoting a unified response to the challenge. The first Task Force meeting was held on 12 May and progress continues to be made in advance of the High-Level Conference in Rome, in particular on the preparation of a Comprehensive Framework for Action.

It is therefore my honor to invite you to a meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by Under-Secretary-General John Holmes, the UN System Coordinator for Responses to the Global Food Crisis, on Thursday, 29 May 2008, at 11:30 am in Conference Room 4.

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

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