Excellency,

Further to my letter of 7 November 2007, I have the honour to update you on the preparations for the informal meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy that will take place on 4 December 2007.

The meeting will begin with brief openings by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, followed by two interactive sessions. I am pleased to inform you that H.E. Mr. Baki Ilkin, Permanent Representative of Turkey and H.E. Mr. Elbio O. Rosselli, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, have agreed to chair the morning and afternoon sessions respectively. I thank them for accepting this responsibility.

For your information, please find attached the provisional program which also lists the speakers from the UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force. Following their statements, I encourage Member States to use this opportunity to intervene in an interactive manner on a given cluster together with representatives of regional organisations and civil society.

I would also like to inform Member States that there will be no formal list of speakers. The floor will be given on a first-come first-serve basis in accordance with the usual General Assembly practice. I encourage you to make short and concise interventions focusing on concrete implementation measures to allow as many speakers as possible to participate at the discussions.

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

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