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Excellency,

With regards to the informal thematic debate of the General Assembly on human security, which will be held on 22 May 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, please find enclosed the background paper for your information.

I would like to inform you that H.R.H. Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan will be the keynote speaker. The Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon will also address the meeting.

Member states will have the opportunity to exchange views on the contents, the scope and the role of human security in the United Nations system, following up on paragraph 143 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document.

Given the informal character of the debate there will be no established list of speakers.

I very much look forward to your personal participation in this important event.

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

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