Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith the informal summary of the thematic debate entitled "Toward a Common Understanding on Management Reform", which was held on 8 and 9 April 2008.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Member States, the Secretary-General and other Secretariat officials, and also the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, for their support and active participation. I am encouraged by the expressions of renewed commitment on management reform and call on Member States to achieve concrete progress in the near future.

I hope that the dialogue that took place during the thematic debate has contributed toward a common understanding on management reform and to stimulate further discussions and possible action on this important issue.

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

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