Excellency,

I am writing to you in relation to the Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the Special Session on Children that will take place on 11 and 12 December 2007.

In its resolution 61/272 the General Assembly requested its President to draw up in consultation with Member States a list of twenty children and twenty representatives of non-governmental organizations who will participate in the two thematic interactive round tables of the Commemorative High-level Meeting.

In reference to operative paragraph 7 of the above mentioned resolution, I am hereby sending a list of nominations of twenty children and twenty representatives of non-governmental organizations that were drawn up in cooperation with UNICEF and non-governmental organizations. In the selection process due regard was given to gender balance and equitable geographic representation.

I would kindly ask you to examine the enclosed lists and to communicate comments and observations, if any, by 19 October 2007, so as to give us enough time to make any additional arrangements that may be necessary. If by that date we do not receive any, we will consider the list as approved.

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
In addition, I would like to bring to your attention that in accordance with operative paragraph 6 of the relevant resolution the Task Force nominated Ms. Deepali Khana from the NGO "Plan International" to address the closing plenary meeting. The boy and girl to address the closing plenary meeting will be selected from among the approved list, in a process organized by UNICEF.

Allow me to use this opportunity and invite your government to participate at the Commemorative High-level Plenary Meeting at the highest possible level. I would also like to encourage your government to include children in the official delegation. I am looking forward to your cooperation and active participation.

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

Dr. Srgjan Kerim