



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14 November 2007

Excellency,

I am pleased to enclose herewith a summary of the informal interactive hearing of the General Assembly with civil society, which was held during the High-level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace, on 4 October 2007.

The hearing provided an opportunity for Member States to engage in an open discussion with civil society, including representatives of non-governmental organizations, the private sector, academia, the media and faith-based organizations around the challenges of interreligious and intercultural cooperation today, as well as best practices and strategies moving forward. I was encouraged by the active participation and prominent attendance of Member States at the High-level Dialogue and interactive hearing, as well as by the in depth discussions and proposals that ensued.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that a detailed account of the views and recommendations expressed by the civil society panelists and respondents, as well as an annex containing an overview of the UN's activities in the field of interreligious and intercultural cooperation, can be viewed on the website of the President of the General Assembly. A webcast of the proceedings of the High-level Dialogue, including the interactive hearing, is also available on the UN webcast site.

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

Srgjan Kerim

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim', written over the typed name.

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