Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the extensive consultation process on System-wide Coherence that has been conducted during the 62nd session.

The Co-Chairs, Ambassador Kavanagh of Ireland and Ambassador Mahiga of Tanzania, recently presented me with a comprehensive, balanced and fair report of their work. I would like to offer them both my sincere thanks for this undertaking and for the open, transparent and inclusive manner in which the consultations were conducted. The report, which is annexed to this letter, summaries the extensive process of consultations that they conducted both with the membership in New York and in the pilot countries they visited. It represents the collective views expressed by the membership and sets out a concrete direction to take this work forward for the rest of this session and during the 63rd session of the General Assembly.

Bearing in mind the importance of this reform agenda, I would be grateful if your delegation could study the report carefully, in particular, the recommendations and conclusions so that the General Assembly may then discuss and agree an overall approach to System-wide Coherence by the end of this session. Our approach should aim to prioritise those core areas where agreement may be reached or action taken over the near term while also recognising that some issues may require further discussion, or may be best dealt with by other processes, mechanisms or bodies.

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

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