



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 May 2010

Excellency,

As you are aware, 2010 marks the 15th anniversary of the launch of the Global Plan of Action against Transnational Organized Crime (Naples Declaration) and the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention) and its additional Protocols. With these instruments the international community pledged to join forces in an unprecedented step to tackle transnational organized crime. They are the main tools to fight this global challenge.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/179 "*Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its Technical Cooperation Capacity,*" adopted on 18 December 2009, I will be convening a Special High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Transnational Organized Crime on Thursday, 17 June 2010, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. In this context, I intend also to convene panel discussions in advance of the formal meeting of the General Assembly.

This High-Level Meeting will direct needed political attention to the problems created by Transnational Organized Crime. It will allow for a discussion on the crucial importance of strengthening international coordination and cooperation and at dealing more effectively with all forms of Transnational Organized Crime.

Member States are encouraged to be represented at the ministerial level. The Meeting will also be attended by other stakeholders, such as international and regional organizations, national law-enforcement and judicial authorities, civil society and non governmental organizations.

A more detailed description of the meeting and the panel discussions will be sent out shortly.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Abdussalam Treki'.

Ali Abdussalam Treki

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