1 December 2005

Excellency,

I have received a letter from the Secretary-General regarding the study the General Assembly asked him to undertake on United Nations system-wide coherence in the areas of humanitarian assistance, the environment and development. I attach a copy of the letter.

In the letter, the Secretary-General suggests that the panel being established to take forward this work would value an opportunity to hear Member States’ perspectives on the issues under its consideration at an early stage in its work.

I believe it will be important that Member States are given such an opportunity. I therefore intend to arrange an event at which this could be done at an early point in the New Year. I will revert to you before the end of the year with a more specific proposal in this regard.

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

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