



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 21 April 2006

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolutions 60/227 and 60/228 of 23 December 2005 by which the General Assembly decided to hold a *High-level Dialogue on International migration and development* and a *High-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010*, respectively.

In the same resolutions the General Assembly also decided to hold, within existing resources, one-day informal interactive hearings in New York with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector which will serve as input to the above mentioned high-level meetings. The General Assembly further requested its President to chair the two hearings.

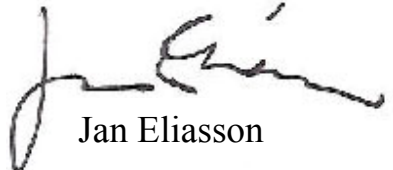
In this connection, I am pleased to inform you that the interactive hearings for the High-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 have been scheduled to take place on 22 June 2006 and the interactive hearings for the High-level Dialogue on International migration and development will take place on 12 July 2006.

To all Permanent Representatives

These hearings provide opportunities for a fruitful informal interaction between Member States and representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector and thus substantially contribute to the successful organization and outcome of the high-level meetings. I therefore encourage your Excellency to personally participate in the hearings.

My office and the substantive offices in the Secretariat, jointly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, are actively coordinating efforts to finalize the arrangements for the hearings. I shall keep you informed of the organizational arrangements set for the hearings in due course.

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



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