



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

Further to my previous communications to you, I am writing to draw your attention to the one-day informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector which I will open tomorrow, Thursday, 22 June 2006 at 10:00 a.m in the ECOSOC Chamber.

Pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 60/228, the Hearings are part of the preparations for the upcoming High-level Meeting on the Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001 - 2010. The informal interactive dialogue should provide an opportunity to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action which purpose is to improve the condition of the millions of peoples living in extreme poverty in the Least Developed Countries.

I therefore strongly encourage you to personally and actively participate in the Hearings. For your ease of reference, enclosed is an information note on the Hearings containing the programme and the list of speakers and active participants representing non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector.

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


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