Excellency,

Further to my letters of 6 June and 31 May 2006 and resolution 60/227 of 23 December 2005 regarding the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 14 and 15 September 2006, I would like to call your attention to the organizational arrangements of the interactive round tables of the High-level Dialogue.

As outlined in the note by the Secretary-General of 26 May 2006 (A/60/864), the High-level Dialogue will hold four interactive round tables. The round tables will have 40 to 48 seats each for heads of delegation and other participants.

The composition of the four round tables will be subject to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Thus, for each regional group, the distribution of its members for participation in each round table shall be made in the following matter:

(a) African States: 11 Member States;
(b) Asian States: 11 Member States;
(c) Eastern European States: 5 Member States;
(d) Latin American and Caribbean States: 7 Member States;
(e) Western European and other States: 6 Member States.

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Each delegation is invited to indicate its preference for one of the round tables to the chairperson of its respective regional group, in time for the chairpersons to provide me a list of its members for each of the four round tables no later than Friday, 14 July 2006.

Member States that are not a member of any of the regional groups and Observers of the General Assembly, who wish to participate in a round table, are invited to communicate directly to my Office their individual preference for one of the round tables by Friday, 14 July 2006.

Once the composition of the four round tables has been determined, I will consult with the regional groups about the selection of the chairpersons of the four round tables, which shall be Ministers from the African States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States, and the Western European and other States.

May I recall for your attention that Member States are encouraged by the Assembly to participate at the High-level Dialogue at the ministerial or highest possible level.

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

Jan Eliasson