Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 62/209 entitled “South-South Cooperation”, by which the Assembly decided to convene a High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, no later than the first half of 2009.

In its operative paragraph 13 the General Assembly also requested the President of the General Assembly to entrust the President of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation with undertaking the necessary consultations with Member States in order to prepare the proposed conference, with a view to the Assembly’s taking a decision, during its sixty-second session, on the nature, date, objectives and modalities of the conference, making use of the existing coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system.

Therefore I am pleased to inform you that I have entrusted H. E. Ambassador Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser of the State of Qatar as President of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, to undertake the necessary consultations with Member States in accordance with and for the purpose of implementing paragraph 13 of resolution 62/209. I hope you that will extend Ambassador Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser your support and cooperation.

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

Srgjan Kerim

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