



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

In keeping with the priorities of the sixty-fourth session outlined in my letter of 24 December 2009, and at the request of Member States in the resolution 64/198, I would like to inform you that I am convening a high level interactive dialogue in New York on 22 March 2010, World Water Day, with the participation of representatives of governmental and non governmental organizations, civil societies and private sector, on the implementation of the International Decade for Action "Water for Life 2005-2015", and the realization of the internationally agreed water-related goals.

This dialogue at the Ministerial Level will be an important opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to take stock of the progress achieved and the outstanding challenges for the full and timely implementation of the international commitments on water and related issues by 2015. By examining national and international efforts and best practices, Member States will be able to draw upon relevant information and trends, moving forward collectively towards implementation of the International Decade for Action.

The meeting will comprise three interactive multi stakeholder panels on the following:

- Water and the Millennium Development Goals;
- Water: climate change and disasters,
- Water and peace and security.

Speakers will include prominent officials from various Member States, from the United Nations System, civil society representatives, working at various levels on the water issues.

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New York

While expecting strong participation of Member States in the high level dialogue, I am aware of the time constraints of the one day event, and in order to fully benefit from the Member States perspectives, I will launch a website related to the event, for which I would like to invite all Member States to provide statements/ papers, on a voluntary basis, to serve as input for this Mid term Review of the International Decade as well as to the High Level Meeting in September 2010 and other related processes.

A Background paper and details about the panels, including biographies of the speakers will be communicated shortly.

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



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