



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 January 2011

Excellency,

On 20 December 2010 the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/65/180 (currently available as document A/65/L.49) entitled "Organization of the 2011 comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS". In this resolution the General Assembly requested "the President of the General Assembly to hold timely, open, transparent and inclusive consultations with all Member States, with a view to adopting a concise and action-oriented declaration, as an outcome of the high-level meeting to be agreed by Member States".

In accordance with the above resolution, I have the honour to inform you that I have reappointed H.E. Mr. Gary Francis Quinlan, Permanent Representative of Australia, and H.E. Mr. Charles Them bani Ntwaagae, Permanent Representative of Botswana, to serve as Co-Facilitators and to lead these consultations.

I would like to thank Ambassador Quinlan and Ambassador Ntwaagae for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

General Assembly resolution A/RES/65/180 also requested "the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than in April 2011, an informal interactive civil society hearing". I have the honour to inform you that this will take place on 8 April 2011 and I look forward to your active participation and involvement.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deiss".

Joseph Deiss

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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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