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Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter of 14 April 2011 to Member States transmitting the information note on the arrangements for the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS scheduled for 8 to 10 June 2011, I invited the Chairpersons of the five regional groups for the month of April 2011 to my office today to witness the drawing of lots to select the regional group that will nominate a candidate to chair one of the five panel discussions at the high-level meeting. The results of the draw are as follows:

Panel 1: Shared responsibility – a new global compact for HIV/AIDS
Chair: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

Panel 2: Prevention - What can be done to get to zero new infections?
Chair: Group of Western European and Other States

Panel 3: Innovation and new technologies
Chair: Group of Asian States

Panel 4: Women, girls and HIV
Chair: Group of Eastern European States

Panel 5: Integrating the HIV/AIDS response with broader health and development agendas
Chair: Group of African States

Each panel discussion will be chaired by a representative of a government, at the ministerial level or above. Regional group Chairpersons are requested to communicate the name of the panel Chair not later than 6 May 2011.

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

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