



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 May 2011

Excellency,

Following the circulation of the independent report on “Civilian Capacities in the Aftermath of Conflict” (A/65/747) by the Secretary-General on 22 February 2011, I am convening an informal debate in the General Assembly on 11 May 2011 at 10:00 am for the consideration of this report.

As first recommended in the Secretary-General’s 2009 report on Peacebuilding in the Immediate Aftermath of Conflict (A/63/881), the “Civilian Capacities in the Aftermath of Conflict” report is the product of a review of international civilian capacities carried out by a Senior Advisory Group appointed by the Secretary-General and chaired by Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, former Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The report provides independent advice to the Secretary-General on how to better develop and deploy civilian capacity in post-conflict settings. The Secretary-General has subsequently initiated a process of consultation, under the leadership of Under-Secretary-General Susana Malcorra of the Department of Field Support, to consider the follow-up to the report. The informal debate in the General Assembly on 11 May will provide Member States with an opportunity to express their views on this subject.

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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