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Excellency,

As per the recommendation of the General Assembly resolution A/RES/64/297, I announce that the General Assembly plenary meeting on the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy will take place on 28-29 June 2012.

Member states have repeatedly and rightly underscored their primary ownership of the Strategy and its implementation. I, therefore, request participation of counter-terrorism coordinators, capacity building and law enforcement officials from the capitals in the review to make the exercise more productive.

During the third review, I would request Member States representatives to focus, inter alia, on their national Strategy implementation experience and on possible recommendations to strengthen regional counter-terrorism cooperation. I am also requesting Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Chairman to help organize side events to promote on ground implementation of the Strategy.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Guillermo Rishchynski, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, has agreed to serve as facilitator for consultation with Member States on the outcome of the plenary meeting in June. On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Rishchynski for his willingness to undertake this important responsibility.

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

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