



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 April 2012

Excellency,

I make reference to the joint letter dated 14 March, by which H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and I invited Heads of State and Government to participate in the High-Level Thematic Debate (HLTD) on the State of the World Economy, scheduled for 17 and 18 May 2012.

I am encouraged by the engagement and support Member States have shown in the two rounds of consultations, held on 29 February and 12 April 2012 and chaired by my Co-Facilitators, Ambassador Daniele Bodini and Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan. These meetings have shown that some Member States have questions and inquiries, as is expected in discussions pertaining to international economic and financial matters in the UN. I am committed to accommodating the concerns of Member States.

In its resolution 65/313, I was mandated by the General Assembly to hold open, inclusive, timely and transparent consultations with all Member States on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development. I believe that the HLTD can serve as a contribution to that follow-up. Given its informal nature, the HLTD will avoid lengthy negotiations on modalities and outcomes, for which there is no time this session. This informality will also help accommodate differing views on the modalities chosen to guide the proceedings, since no Member State will be prevented from addressing any issue its representatives deem appropriate. A formal follow-up could be further discussed by the Membership after the HLTD, in light of the results of that event.

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