THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 11 January 2013

Excellency,

The 2010 High-Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly in paragraph 79 of its outcome document, requested the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session to organize a special event in 2013 to follow-up on efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

While the mandate is given to the President of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, there is a need to start early preparations for the event. To ensure adequate arrangements for this event, it is necessary to conduct consultations on the timing and level of participation, as well as on the scope, format and modalities for the MDGs review.

In this regard, I have requested H.E. Ambassador Anne Anderson, Permanent Representative of Ireland and H.E. Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative Designate of South Africa to act as co-facilitators for the preparation of the special event. In view of the urgency of the matter, until the arrival of the Permanent Representative of South Africa in New York, Doctor Mashabane, Chargé d'Affaires a.i of South Africa will be performing, on his behalf, the facilitation duties. I am grateful to them for accepting this responsibility.

I am confident that with your support and constructive engagement the co-facilitators will be able to finalize all arrangements for this important meeting on MDGs to be held at the next General Assembly session.

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

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To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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