Excellency,

In July 2010 the General Assembly adopted by consensus the United Nations Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons. By adopting the Plan, Governments resolved to take concrete action to prevent trafficking in persons, protect and assist victims, prosecute related crimes and strengthen partnership among Government, civil society organizations and the private sector, including the media.

The Plan also calls for the General Assembly to appraise in 2013 the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action. In December 2012 the General Assembly passed resolution 67/190 on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons which decided to convene, a high level meeting of the General Assembly no later than July 2013 in order to assess achievement, gaps and challenges including in the implementation of relevant legal instruments.

The resolution further requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint co-facilitators for assisting him in conducting open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of that meeting, including on participation of international, regional, sub regional organizations as well as civil society.

In this regard, I am pleased to announce my decision to appoint the Permanent Representative of Austria, H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, and the Permanent Representative of Cape Verde, H.E. Mr. Antonio Pedro Montero Lima, as co-facilitators to conduct open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the high-level meeting on the General Assembly, including on participation of international, regional, sub regional organizations as well as civil society.

I am grateful to Ambassador Sajdik and Ambassador Montero Lima for accepting this responsibility and trust you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

Vuk Jeremić

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