5 September 2013

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached letter from H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe, President-elect of the sixty-eighth’s session of the General Assembly, announcing his proposal for the issue upon which Member States are invited to comment during the general debate of the sixty-eighth session the United Nations General Assembly.

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

[Signature]

To All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
03 September 2013

Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/126 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, the President-elect of the General Assembly is to suggest an issue, or issues, of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the general debate at the forthcoming session of the Assembly. As also stated in the resolution, such suggestions will be without prejudice to the sovereign right of Member States to solely and entirely determine the content of their general debate statements.

Following consultations, and as announced in my acceptance speech on 14 June, I have declared the theme of the 68th general debate to be “The Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage”.

I would be grateful if your Excellency could circulate this letter to all Member States for their consideration.

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

H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
President-elect of the 68th session of the General Assembly

His Excellency
Mr. Vuk Jeremić
President of the 67th session of the General Assembly
United Nations
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