Excellency,

The Office of the President of the General Assembly is grateful for the level of participation demonstrated during the opening session of the General Assembly High-level Event on Contributions of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Agenda held today 9th June 2014. Member States’ presentations thus far have highlighted the relevance of respect for human rights and the rule of law to development from their national experience but also drew attention to their importance in the international context.

The High-level Event continues tomorrow 10th June with two panel discussions. We encourage your further active participation and contribution as we hear from Member States, representatives of the United Nations, those of civil society, and academia on specific topics:

- Panel 1: Exploring the contributions of human rights and the rule of law in supporting national and international efforts towards poverty eradication and sustainable development
- Panel 2: Towards a transformational development agenda: integrating human rights and rule of law with a view to improving development outcomes

It is the intention of the OPGA that the panel presentations will inspire an active, dynamic multi-stakeholder dialogue which can help elucidate key messages that can support the other intergovernmental processes addressing sustainable development goals and sustainable development financing as well as your own deliberations in preparation for the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

Finally, we hope that you will be able to join the President of the General Assembly as he closes the last in the series of thematic events. The closing segment shall commence at 5:30PM.

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

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Chef de Cabinet