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Excellency,

I have received a letter from the United Nations Secretary-General dated 25 February 2015, in which he confirms that following consultations with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, a visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United Nations will take place in the morning of Friday, 25 September 2015.

In this regard, the Secretary-General seeks my concurrence with this proposal, aware that it will necessitate approval of the General Assembly for an adjustment to be made to the timing of the beginning of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.

To this end, I am transmitting a draft decision that would facilitate an address by His Holiness Pope Francis to the General Assembly in the morning of Friday, 25 September 2015, by postponing the opening of the Summit, originally scheduled in accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/244 for 9 a.m. of that day, to 11 a.m.

By the same proposal, the General Assembly would furthermore decide to change the timing of the first interactive dialogue, originally scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to take place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. instead.

With your support, I will schedule a plenary meeting to take action on the annexed draft decision at a date to be announced.

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

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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Opening of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 69/244 of 29 December 2014, in particular paragraphs 1 of annexes I and II thereto, decides:

- a) that the opening plenary meeting of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, on Friday, 25 September 2015, will begin at 11 a.m.;
- b) that the first interactive dialogue will therefore be convened from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the same day.