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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a High-level meeting on "International Cooperation to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Strengthen Good Practices on Assets Return" on Thursday 16 May 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 72/207 invites the President of the General Assembly to convene, in coordination with all stakeholders, a high-level meeting on international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development. The General Assembly reiterated this call in its resolution 73/222. The High-level meeting will provide the space, in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to take stock of progress made and propose approaches to address remaining challenges to reduce illicit financial flows and promote best practices in asset recovery and repatriation, as an important means to support the timely implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

A draft concept note and the provisional programme will be provided in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

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