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Excellency,

By resolution 73/186, the General Assembly invited the President of the General Assembly, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and with the involvement of relevant stakeholders, to hold, within existing resources and during the current session, a High-level debate on the role of regional organizations in strengthening and implementing crime prevention initiatives and criminal justice responses.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that this high-level debate will take place as a one-day meeting at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, on Thursday, 6 June 2019, and will consist of an opening and high-level segment, two interactive panel discussions and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly. In accordance with resolution 73/186, a President's summary of the discussion will be prepared for transmission to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as to all Member States.

I extend an invitation to Member States to be represented at the highest possible level at this meeting of the General Assembly. Further information on the programme of work, including a concept note, will be made available in due course.

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

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