



20 January 2006

Excellency,

As our work on the different reform tracks continues and intensifies, notably on the Human Rights Council, Development and ECOSOC reform as well as on Secretariat and Management reform, I write to you regarding some other areas of the 2005 World Summit follow-up.

As stated in my letter of 19 December 2005 on the “Review of Progress on Security Council Reform”, I intend to reconvene shortly the “*Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council (OEWG)*”. For this purpose, I have asked Ambassador Paulette Bethel of the Bahamas and Ambassador Frank Majoor of the Netherlands to serve as Vice-Chairpersons of the OEWG.

I am pleased to inform you that Ambassadors Bethel and Majoor have kindly agreed to accept this responsibility. I have asked them to consult delegations with a view to preparing the basis of the work for the OEWG. I trust that you will give them your full support in their efforts.

I will revert to you with information on the informal consultations of the plenary on the United Nations environment work as well as on the counter-terrorism strategy.

Next week I shall be on official travel to Strasbourg and Vienna. I look forward to working with you again after my return to New York on 29 January.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Eliasson', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Jan Eliasson

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