

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 60/228 of 23 December 2005 by which the General Assembly decided to hold the High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 September 2006, as also referred to in paragraph 11 of the Secretary-General's note A/60/738 of 27 March 2006.

Since these dates coincide with the beginning of the General Debate of the 61st session of the General Assembly on 19 September 2006, pursuant to the relevant provisions of resolution 57/301, my Office and I have held informal consultations with Member States to facilitate alternative arrangements.

Further to these consultations, I propose to reschedule the High-level Meeting so that it will take place on Monday 18 September 2006, with a brief plenary meeting on Tuesday 19 September 2006, followed by the General Debate of the 61st session of the General Assembly. To make official the new dates of the High-level Meeting, the General Assembly will meet to adopt a draft decision in this regard shortly.

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

Jan Eliasson

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York