



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 June 2006

Excellency,

I am writing to you on the urgent need to finalize the work on the resolutions on development follow-up and ECOSOC reform. It is nearly nine months since our leaders adopted the World Summit Outcome. The two Co-Chairs for this process, Ambassadors Diarra of Mali and Verbeke of Belgium, started their consultations on 22 November 2005.

We are now rapidly approaching the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council beginning on 3 July. I trust you agree with me that it is now high time for us to come to a closure of the negotiations and arrive at an agreement on these two resolutions.

I have consulted *inter alia* with the two Co-Chairs and the Facilitator for the resolution on development follow-up, Mr. Paul Lolo of Nigeria. We agree that the negotiations on the development resolution have made some progress during the past few weeks. But we also agree that we need to accelerate our efforts to conclude the work on this resolution expeditiously and finalize the resolution on ECOSOC reform.

I, therefore, propose that the ongoing negotiations facilitated by Mr. Lolo be concluded by Friday, 9 June. I am confident that all of you will give Mr. Lolo your full support and that you will show maximum flexibility in finding solutions to outstanding issues.

Mr. Lolo will report to the Co-Chairs and me on the results of these negotiations at the end of next week. I will then take the necessary steps to have this resolution, as well as the resolution on ECOSOC reform, adopted as soon as possible.

I can assure you of my personal commitment to work for a prompt agreement on the follow-up to our commitments in the field of development and reform of ECOSOC. I encourage you to personally engage in this final phase of our work.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my two Co-Chairs and to the able leadership of Mr. Lolo in facilitating the resolution on development follow-up to date.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Eliasson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jan Eliasson

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