



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 June 2006

Excellency,

Following the President of the General Assembly's letter of 2 June, negotiations facilitated by Mr. Paul Lolo of Nigeria on the draft resolution on development follow-up continued throughout last week. By the proposed date for conclusion of the negotiations on 9 June, considerable progress had been made, but a significant number of paragraphs remained unresolved.

Mr. Lolo today reported to the Co-Chairs, Ambassador Diarra of Mali and Ambassador Verbeke of Belgium, and I, on the status of the negotiations. In light of this report, I have, in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, asked Mr. Lolo to convene one further day of facilitated negotiations on the draft resolution, on Wednesday 14 June. The Co-Chairs and I intend to be present at the opening of the meeting.

As the President said in his letter of 2 June, it is now high time we bring these negotiations to a conclusion. I appeal to all of you to use the remaining time before Wednesday's meeting to consider afresh the possibilities for bridging the outstanding differences, consult with other Member States, and come to the meeting ready to reach final agreements.

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

Meanwhile, we must not lose sight of the draft resolution on ECOSOC reform, which ought to be finalized before the ECOSOC substantive session. The Co-Chairs will be in touch with delegations during the course of this week with a view to addressing the outstanding issues as quickly as possible.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nirupam Sen', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Nirupam Sen
Acting President of the 60th Session of the General Assembly