



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

With only eight working days remaining in the Sixtieth session, we have three important items of outstanding work. I am convinced that, with more of the flexibility and constructive spirit you have already shown this year, substantial outcomes on each of these issues are now within our reach.

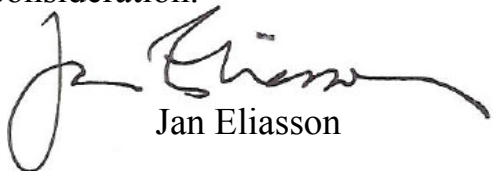
On the **counter-terrorism strategy**, the Co-Chairs are writing to you separately today. The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday. Despite the inherent sensitivities, we should do all we can to agree a text before the end of this session. The tensions in today's world should be a catalyst for our work on this, not an impediment. We can and should show that the General Assembly is a relevant and effective body in the area of counter-terrorism. I encourage all of you to be personally involved in this process.

On **ECOSOC reform**, the Co-Chairs begin their consultations today, and will convene further meetings every afternoon for the remainder of this week in order to finalize the draft resolution. This resolution is needed in order that ECOSOC can implement the reforms our leaders committed us to at the World Summit, and as such is a vital part of the overall reform agenda.

On **General Assembly revitalization**, we are now very close to a common understanding on the few outstanding issues, including that of the selection of the Secretary-General. However, maximum flexibility will still be needed for the Co-Chairs to be able to present an agreed text prior to a final Ad Hoc Working Group meeting by Friday.

I remain grateful to all of you for your hard work throughout the past year, and I look forward to working with you in the remaining days to bring these outstanding items on our agenda to successful conclusions.

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



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