

Excellency,

As I noted in my letter of 22 December 2006, the General Assembly decided to extend the exercise on **Mandate Review** until the end of the 61st Session. This will allow us to continue our consultations to update the work program of the Organization for the benefit of all its Member States.

Pending the appointment of a new Co-Chair, I have asked Ambassador Cooney to take forward the process so that we can make further progress on this important issue. In this regard, a meeting of the informal working group will be convened in the coming weeks.

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

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