



9 April 2007

Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the attached letter from the Secretary-General concerning his Report on the 'Recommendations contained in the report of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance and the environment' (A/61/836). The report will be available tomorrow in all official United Nations languages.

A plenary meeting will take place at 4:30pm on 16th April 2007, so that as far as possible it does not coincide with the Special High-level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions. The Secretary-General will introduce his report, which will be followed by a general discussion.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Haya Rashed Al Khalifa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

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



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



5 April 2007

Dear Madam President,

I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you and to Member States my views on the Report of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence (A/61/583) outlined in the annexed Report of the Secretary-General. My report will be officially released as an official General Assembly document on Monday, 9 April 2007. My views and suggestions are based on my own assessment of the Panel's Report, as well as on consultations with Member States and other stake holders.

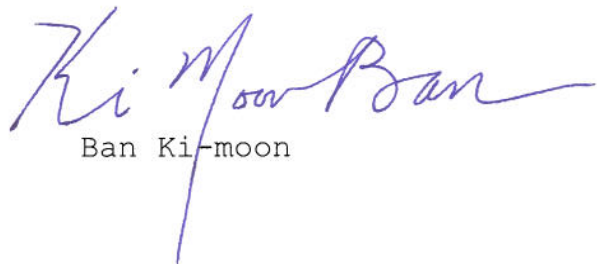
As I state in my Report, I believe that the conclusions of the Panel present us with an important opportunity to address issues of coherence in a comprehensive and consistent manner. They can serve our shared objective of ensuring that the United Nations responds to the global challenges of the twenty-first century, including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. My Report underscores the United Nations system's recognition of the need to urgently take steps to enhance overall coherence and effectiveness. We are equally aware of the need to ensure that efforts to act on the Panel's recommendations are guided by and respectful of the inter-governmental consideration of the Panel's Report. At the same time, I hope that Member States will be able to reach soon a decision on how to move the process forward.

Her Excellency
Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa
President of the General Assembly
New York

On the part of the United Nations system, progress has been made towards implementation of those recommendations building on existing inter-governmental mandates. For the recommendations that require further discussion, I intend to work and consult closely with you, Member States, and the relevant intergovernmental bodies which will play a critical role in moving the report forward. In this regard, I have asked the Deputy Secretary-General to oversee and support the implementation of the system-wide coherence reform agenda. The Deputy Secretary-General will work closely with relevant senior United Nations officials who will be at the disposal of Member States to facilitate discussion in their respective areas of responsibility.

I look forward to working with you and the Member States in what I trust will be a fruitful collaboration.

Please accept, Madam President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Ban Ki-moon