

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

As you may be aware, efforts are now being made by the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) to establish a United Nations Association in every Member State of the Organization.

As of today, United Nations Associations have been established in 102 Member States of the United Nations and are engaged in various activities and initiatives, including education, outreach and awareness building about the ideals and work of the Organization for peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. The members of the Associations come from all walks of life and through WFUNA-Youth. Many of these United Nations Associations enjoy the patronage of Heads of State and government. They organize events for ambassadors and high-level representatives of the United Nations in their respective communities. They also have developed relationships with local communities, media and educational institutions, and worked closely with UN representatives at the country level.

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York In order to realize the goal of establishing United Nations Associations in all Member States in time for the 39<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly of the WFUNA, scheduled to take place in the Republic of Korea in 2009, I would like to encourage your government to support this initiative which could significantly contribute to increasing peoples' interest in, and support for the work and activities of the United Nations.

The WFUNA is a non-governmental organization, currently chaired by Dr. Hans Blix, and is uniquely entitled to use the UN logo in conducting its business. More information on the WFUNA can be found at www.wfuna.org.

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

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