



24 May 2007

Excellency,

I would like to draw your attention to the attached letter from the H.E. Hilario G. Davide, Permanent Representative of Philippines and H.E. Thomas Matussek, Permanent Representative of Germany. On behalf of their respective groups, the ASEAN New York Committee and the European Union, they have asked me to convene a debate under the theme "Climate Change as a global challenge" at the earliest possible convenience.

Given the importance of this issue for the international community I intend to hold this meeting in the second half of July. I will shortly provide you with further details on the exact date and arrangements for the meeting. The Facilitators responsible for consultation on International Environmental Governance will assist me in preparing for this debate.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that H.E. Permanent Representative of Mexico, Claude Heller Rouassant will take over from his predecessor, Ambassador Enrique Berruga, as facilitator on International Environmental Governance. I am grateful to Ambassador Heller for accepting this responsibility, which he will carry out in close cooperation with H.E. Peter Maurer, Permanent Representative of Switzerland. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Ambassador Berruga for his dedication and tireless efforts to move this process forward.

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


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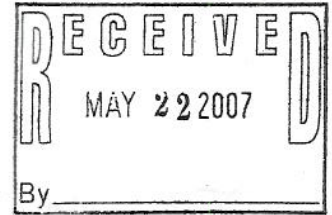
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Excellency,

On behalf of our respective member countries, we have the honor to request your Excellency to convene a thematic debate under the theme "Climate Change as a global challenge" at the earliest opportunity.

There is now broad agreement within the international community that climate change is one of the immediate global challenges. There is also broad agreement that the world needs to urgently deal with this issue.

As the United Nation's chief deliberative, policy-making and coordinating body, the General Assembly must, therefore, address this issue. The thematic debate would serve to enhance the current momentum on this issue. It could also feed into the Secretary-General's thinking to convene a high-level event on climate change prior to the 62nd United Nations General Assembly. All these steps help to keep priority attention on climate change and will hopefully help create conducive conditions for the 13th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 3rd Meeting of Parties of the Kyoto Protocol negotiations in Bali, Indonesia at the end of the year.

We hope that you will give this proposal serious consideration. We would be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.


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