



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of making concrete progress on System-wide Coherence during the sixty-second session of the General Assembly.

In this respect, I have the honour to inform that H. E. Ambassador Augustine Mahiga, Permanent Representative of Tanzania, and H.E. Ambassador Paul Kavanagh, Permanent Representative of Ireland, have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs. I would like to thank both ambassadors for accepting this important task.

Through the consultations the Co-Chairs should work towards an agreement on the modalities for implementing greater coherence across the United Nations development activities system. This will necessitate a thorough assessment of progress made so far, in particular, the implementation of the 'One United Nations' pilot projects, as well as obstacles encountered and opportunities for further implementation.

I have full confidence in the Co-Chairs ability to take this issue forward in a results oriented manner. I would strongly encourage all Member States to extend their fullest cooperation to the Co-chairs during the consultations. The Co-Chairs will report their recommendations to me at the beginning of June. I will personally continue to follow this issue very closely and count on your continued support.

In order to launch the consultations I will convene an informal meeting of the General Assembly on 8 February to take stock of recent developments, including the report of the previous Co-Chairs during the sixty-first session.

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

Srgjan Kerim

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