



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 April 2008

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter of 11 April 2008 to Member States transmitting the information note on the arrangements for the high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS scheduled for 10-11 June 2008, I invited the Chairpersons of the five regional groups for the month of April 2008 to my office today to witness the drawing of lots to select the regional group that will nominate a candidate to chair one of the five panel discussions at the high-level meeting. The results of the draw are as follows:

Panel 1: How do we build on results achieved and speed up progress towards universal access by 2010 – moving on to reach the MDGs by 2015?

Chair: Group of Asian States

Panel 2: The challenges of providing leadership and political support in countries with concentrated epidemics

Chair: Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

Panel 3: Making the Response to AIDS Work for Women and Girls – Gender Equality and AIDS

Chair: Group of Eastern European States

Panel 4: AIDS: A Multigenerational Challenge – Providing a Robust and Long Term Response

Chair: Group of African States

Panel 5: Resources and Universal Access: Opportunities and Limitations

Chair: Group of Western European and Other States

Each panel discussion will be chaired by a representative of a government, at the ministerial level or above. Regional group Chairpersons are requested to communicate the name of the panel chair not later than 9 May 2008.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim', written in a cursive style.

Srgjan Kerim

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