



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 September 2008

Excellency,

Following General Assembly resolution 62/7 adopted on 8 November 2007, I am convening an informal meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to observe the International Day of Democracy on 15 September 2008, to be held from 9 – 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The commemoration will be addressed by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and by Former President Ricardo Lagos of Chile who will deliver the keynote speech. In addition, a representative of the State of Qatar as the main sponsor of Resolution A/62/7 and a representative of Portugal as the chair of the Community of Democracies will also give a statement.

The resolution “invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate the International Day of Democracy in an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness.”

I believe that the adoption of the resolution indicates not only the resolve of Member States to pursue the ideals of democracy but also their desire to openly show their pledge to those ideals by dedicating a special day to pay tribute to democracy.

In this spirit I would like to invite you to participate at this important meeting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Srgjan Kerim'.

Srgjan Kerim

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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