



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 September 2008

Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the draft resolution on Mandate Review. The text was the result of the informal consultations coordinated by the Co-Chairs, the Permanent Representatives of Namibia and New Zealand, Ambassadors Kaire Mbuende and Rosemary Banks.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding work conducted by the Co-Chairs during the 62nd session of the General Assembly. The quality of the process allowed Member States to have a better understanding of the review of mandates, including of its challenges, and to move forward. The observations and suggestions contained in the Co-Chair's final report will remain as important references for future work.

I would like to express my appreciation for the active participation and constructive engagement of Member States throughout the process. I am also grateful for support offered by the Secretary-General and the Secretariat, in particular, the Department of Management, the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa.

I would like to call on all Member States to adopt by consensus the draft resolution in the General Assembly in the final meeting of the 62nd session on Monday, 15 September 2008.

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

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

Srgjan Kerim

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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Mandate review

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 163 (b) of the 2005 World Summit Outcome regarding mandate review¹,

Welcoming the last review process initiated in 2007 by the President of the 62nd session of the General Assembly², as well as the previous processes conducted during the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions,

Having considered the final report of the Co-Chairs of the Mandate Review process during the 62nd session, dated 8 August 2008,

1. *Takes note* of the final report of the Co-Chairs of the Mandate Review Process during the 62nd session, including on the review of the thematic clusters relating to the 'Effective Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance' and the 'Development of Africa';

¹ A/RES/60/1

² Letter of the President of the General Assembly dated 6 November 2007

2. Recognises the usefulness of the existing online mandate registry and decides to maintain it as an accessible working tool for Member States and to revert to the issue in the context of its consideration of the Proposed Programme Budget of 2010 2011;

3. *Notes* that one of the important findings of the process is the difficulty of identifying resources associated to one particular mandate, which limited the potential of the review process to fulfil its objective to strengthen and update the programme of work of the Organisation and to improve the allocation of resources for the effective implementation of mandates;

4. *Calls upon* its relevant bodies and subsidiary organs, within their respective mandates and in accordance with the established regulations and rules governing programme planning, to continue improving the implementation of mandates, and addressing the continuing validity of legislative decisions and the effective coordination among units of the Secretariat and other structures of the United Nations system.