

14 July 2011

Excellency,

On 28 June 2011, the Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia addressed a letter to me on behalf of 23 Member States (Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Georgia, Haiti, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Solomon Islands and Uruguay), requesting a plenary meeting of the General Assembly to discuss the challenges related to realizing the human right to water and sanitation in the context of the Millennium Development Goals.

In accordance with this request and in view of the participation of H.E. Mr. Evo Morales, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, I am convening a meeting on the human right to water and sanitation under agenda item 13, "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields" on Wednesday, 27 July 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Member States are invited to make a statement during this meeting.

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

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