



THE PRESIDENT  
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 April 2012

Excellency,

I make reference to the joint letter dated 14 March, by which H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and I invited Heads of State and Government to participate in the High-Level Thematic Debate (HLTD) on the State of the World Economy, scheduled for 17 and 18 May 2012.

I am encouraged by the engagement and support Member States have shown in the two rounds of consultations, held on 29 February and 12 April 2012 and chaired by my Co-Facilitators, Ambassador Daniele Bodini and Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan. These meetings have shown that some Member States have questions and inquiries, as is expected in discussions pertaining to international economic and financial matters in the UN. I am committed to accommodating the concerns of Member States.

In its resolution 65/313, I was mandated by the General Assembly to hold open, inclusive, timely and transparent consultations with all Member States on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development. I believe that the HLTD can serve as a contribution to that follow-up. Given its informal nature, the HLTD will avoid lengthy negotiations on modalities and outcomes, for which there is no time this session. This informality will also help accommodate differing views on the modalities chosen to guide the proceedings, since no Member State will be prevented from addressing any issue its representatives deem appropriate. A formal follow-up could be further discussed by the Membership after the HLTD, in light of the results of that event.

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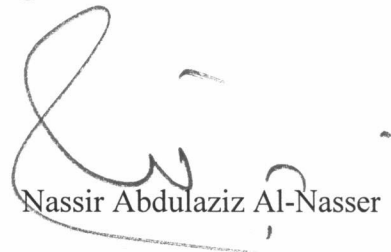
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My vision is that the HLTD will help position the UN at the centre stage of international deliberations on the world economy. It is indeed an effort towards General Assembly revitalization. It will enable us to transmit a strong and unified political message to the international community with regard to the ongoing economic challenges and their impact on development. Through the Chairs' Summary, the HLTD will contribute to many related UN processes, such as Rio+20, the Financing for Development Follow-up process, the discussions on Global Economic Governance and the future of the Millennium Development Goals.

We should not miss this opportunity to address the concerns of those most affected by the economic hardships of the last few years. Thus, I express my gratitude to those Member States that have already confirmed high-level attendance to the HLTD. I strongly encourage those that have not to do so at their earliest convenience.

Finally, I wish to express my satisfaction with having the Secretary-General as a partner in this undertaking. This partnership has enabled the collaboration between my Office and the Secretariat to grown even closer. The Secretariat's expertise and institutional memory have been crucial to the progress we have achieved so far.

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



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