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Excellency,

You would recall that the General Assembly resolution 66/207 adopted on 22 December 2011 decided to convene in 2016 a third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III). In its operative paragraph 5, the resolution also decided to consider before the end of 2012 the scope, modalities, format and organization of that conference, in a most efficient and effective manner.

In order to consider what is envisaged in paragraph 5 of 66/207 before the end of 2012, it is necessary that consultation among the Member States commence as soon as possible.

Bearing this in mind, I have the honour to inform you that I have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Zinsou, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Pajo Avirovikj, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations to serve as the co-facilitators to undertake the needed consultation with regard to the decision of the General Assembly contained in operative paragraph 5 of its resolution 66/207.

I would like to thank Ambassador Zinsou and Ambassador Avirovikj for accepting this responsibility and trust that you will extend your full cooperation and support to them.

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

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

To all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers Missions to the United Nations