



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

An important outcome of the Rio Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) was the decision to establish a universal intergovernmental high-level political forum to follow-up on the implementation of sustainable development.

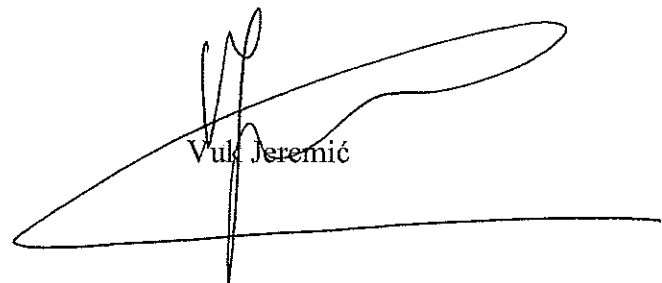
The Conference decided to launch “an intergovernmental and open, transparent and inclusive negotiation process under the General Assembly to define the format and organizational aspects of the high-level forum”. It sets the goal to convene the first high-level forum at the beginning of the sixty-eight session of the General Assembly.

While Rio+20 provided guidance on what the high-level forum could do, much remains to be done to define its precise format and organizational modalities. I would thus like the negotiations on the high-level forum to start as soon as possible.

I have asked H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Permanent Representative of Brazil and H.E. Mr. Cesare Maria Ragaglini, Permanent Representative of Italy, to facilitate these negotiations. I am grateful to Ambassador Ribeiro Viotti and Ambassador Regaglini for accepting this responsibility.

I very much hope that you will fully engage in the forthcoming negotiations so that we create an action oriented and effective high-level forum on sustainable development.

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

  
Vuk Jeremić

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