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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter by H.E. Ms. Greta Gunnarsdottir, Permanent Representative of Iceland and H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya, Permanent Representative of Indonesia, the Co-Facilitators of the inter-governmental process on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, inviting you to an informal meeting to be held on 12 February 2013.

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



Zdravko Ponos  
Chef de Cabinet

To All Permanent Members  
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



PERMANENT MISSION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
TO THE UN



PERMANENT MISSION  
OF ICELAND TO THE UN

New York, 5 February 2013

Excellencies,

During its 66<sup>th</sup> Session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 66/254 entitled “Intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system”. The Ambassadors of Iceland and Indonesia, as the co-facilitators nominated by the President of the General Assembly, conducted these open, transparent and inclusive negotiations on how to strengthen and enhance the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system as laid out in the report of the President of the General Assembly (document A/66/902).

Following these consultations General Assembly resolution 66/295 was adopted on 17 September 2012 which extended the process to the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, “to build upon the discussions held thus far with a view to identifying in the upcoming session of the Assembly concrete and sustainable measures needed to strengthen and enhance the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system”. Additionally, the President of the General Assembly was requested to “extend the mandate of the two co-facilitators to continue open, transparent and inclusive negotiations, with the view to considering a possible outcome during the sixty-seventh session of the Assembly”.

In order to continue the process and following the discussions at the 66th session of the General Assembly the co-facilitators are proposing continuing with in depth discussions on issues identified in the report of the President of the General Assembly (document A/66/902) as well as any issues raised by Member States. The co-facilitators are proposing an indicative timetable for consultations during the coming months as attached.

The co-facilitators therefore intend to hold a first informal meeting for all Member States Tuesday, 12 February at 11 AM. The meeting will serve to brief Member States on the timeline of the consultations for the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly and to seek Member States views on the timeline of the process. For further information please contact the Mission of Iceland (Mr. Vardi, email: [th@mfa.is](mailto:th@mfa.is)) or the Mission of Indonesia (Mr. Arief, email: [arief.adnan@indonesiamission-ny.org](mailto:arief.adnan@indonesiamission-ny.org)).

To all Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers of the United Nations  
New York

We are looking forward to continue engaging with delegations on this important subject.

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



Desra Percaya  
Co-facilitator  
Permanent Representative of Indonesia  
to the United Nations



Greta Gunnarsdottir  
Co-facilitator  
Permanent Representative of Iceland  
to the United Nations

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Attachment:

**Indicative Timeline for the Intergovernmental process of the General Assembly at the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly**

- **12 February 2013:** Informal meeting.
- **19-21 February 2013:** Thematic discussions, followed by informal-informals.
- **26 February 2013:** An informal interactive hearing with civil society.
- **9-11 April 2013:** Thematic discussions, followed by informal-informals.
- **16-17 April 2013:** Informal-informals.
- **6 May 2013:** An informal interactive hearing with civil society.
- **6-8 May 2013:** Thematic discussions (if needed), followed by informal-informals.
- **End May:** Short Informal-informals as needed.
- **End May 2013:** Consideration of report.