



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 February 2013

Excellency,

You will recall that in July 2010, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the United Nations Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons. The Plan calls for the General Assembly to appraise in 2013 the progress achieved in its implementation. In December 2012 the General Assembly passed resolution 67/190 on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons, and decided to convene "a high level meeting of the General Assembly no later than July 2013 in order to assess achievement, gaps and challenges including in the implementation of relevant legal instruments".

I have therefore decided to schedule this General Assembly high level meeting for Monday, 13 May 2013.

I extend an invitation to Member States to be represented at the highest possible level at this meeting of the General Assembly.

By adopting the Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons, Governments resolved to take concrete action to prevent trafficking in persons, protect and assist victims, prosecute related crimes and strengthen partnership among Government, civil society organizations and the private sector, including the media. One of the most important elements of the Global Plan of Action is the "*United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children*".

The Fund's focus to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, through established channels of assistance, such as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, is closely aligned with my priorities as the President of the General Assembly.

It is my hope that the high level meeting will provide an opportunity for an in-depth and forward looking discussion on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action. Also the meeting will hopefully help raise additional support for the important Trust Fund to which Member States and the public will be encouraged to contribute.

Further information with regard to the Trust Fund, and the modalities of the high level meeting, including on participation of international, regional, sub regional organizations as well as civil society, will be provided in coming days.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuk Jeremic', written over a horizontal line.

Vuk Jeremic

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