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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter by H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, Permanent Representative of Austria and H.E. Mr. Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima, Permanent Representative of Cape Verde, the Co-Facilitators to conduct open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the 13 May 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, inviting you to attend a first round of informal consultations to be held on Tuesday, 26 March 2013.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zdravko Ponos'.

Zdravko Ponos  
Chef de Cabinet

To All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



Permanent Mission of Austria  
to the United Nations in New York

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF CAPE VERDE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 14 March 2013

Excellency,

As indicated in the letters of the President of the General Assembly dated 7 and 28 February 2013, we have been appointed as co-facilitators to conduct open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the 13 May 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, including on participation of international, regional, sub regional organizations as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations, the private sector and the media, whose role is emphasized in the Global Plan of Action.

In July 2010, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (A/RES/64/293). By adopting this landmark Plan, Governments resolved to take concrete action to prevent and combat 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.

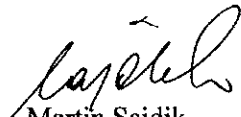
The Plan also calls for the General Assembly to appraise in 2013 the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan of Action. In December 2012, the General Assembly passed resolution 67/190 on improving coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons and decided to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly no later than July 2013 in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges including in the implementation of relevant legal instruments. Resolution 67/190 also requests the President of the General Assembly to prepare a summary of the high-level meeting.

As co-facilitators, it is our intention to facilitate these consultations in an open, transparent and inclusive manner. To initiate discussions we have the pleasure to invite you to a first round of informal consultations on **Tuesday, 26 March 2013** in the afternoon (conference room to be announced in the Journal).

The objective of this first meeting will be to allow Member States to express their initial views on the main issues concerning the content, format and organizational modalities of the high-level meeting. To help enrich this initial discussion, we shall in the coming days provide you with an informal *Food for Thought* paper for your consideration setting forth some reflections on the modalities and substance of the high-level meeting and, in particular, underlining the urgency of moving to an early agreement.

We look forward to engaging with delegations on this most important subject and count on your active participation at the highest possible level. For further information please contact Ms. Nadia Kalb of the Permanent Mission of Austria (+1-917-542-8434; [nadia.kalb@bmeia.gv.at](mailto:nadia.kalb@bmeia.gv.at)) or Mr. José Carlos Mendonça of the Permanent Mission of Cape Verde (+1-212-472-0333; [josecvgomes@hotmail.com](mailto:josecvgomes@hotmail.com)).

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



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