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Excellency,

You will recall that on 13-14 May 2013, the General Assembly successfully held a high-level meeting on the Appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

This meeting received overwhelming support and active participation from Member States at the highest possible level. Furthermore, the active participation of non-governmental organizations, survivors, private sector leaders, journalists, leaders from international organizations, and other experts involved in the fight against trafficking in person proved invaluable.

In this respect, I would like to refer to the letter dated 10 May 2013, which brought on behalf of the President of the General Assembly to the attention of Member States the list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and the media active in combating trafficking in persons on a non-objection basis, in accordance with operative paragraph 9 of resolution A/RES/67/260. The letter further stated: "please note that the Khmer People Power Movement is deleted from the list based on two objections".


I wish further to draw attention of Member States that following the conclusion of the high-level meeting, a number of Member States have written to the Office of the President of the General Assembly regarding the participation of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and the media active in combating trafficking in persons at the high-level meeting.

This communication focused in particular on the manner in which the objections of Member States were addressed in the above-mentioned letter of 10 May 2013. Some Member States requested additional information as to which Member States made objections and what was the nature of the objections. Others on the other hand, stated that no additional information regarding the objections should be provided.

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In such circumstances, it is the understanding of the President of the General Assembly that there is no agreement among Member States about possible further action on the above mentioned matter.

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


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Deputy Chef de Cabinet