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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolution A/RES/66/124 on the “High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities”.

Pursuant to the afore-mentioned resolution, the General Assembly will convene a High-level Meeting, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on 23 September 2013, with the overarching theme “The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”.

The Office of President of the General Assembly has recently received a number of inquiries on the High-level Meeting, in particular about the structure of its plenary segment.

In this regard, I would like to draw attention to operative paragraph 3 (a) of resolution 66/124 which indicates that “the High-level Meeting will comprise a plenary meeting and two consecutive informal round tables”. Furthermore, the resolution clearly states in operative paragraph 3 (b) that “the opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, an eminent person actively engaged in disability issues and a representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, both of whom will be chosen by the President of the Assembly”. In addition, operative paragraph 3 (c) notes that “the Chairs of the round tables present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting”.

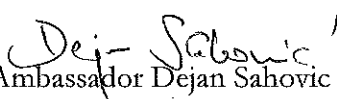
It is the understanding of the President of the General Assembly that the plenary segment of the High-level Meeting will comprise the opening and closing sessions. The rest of the meeting will take place in the form of two interactive round tables.

Hence, Member States have the opportunity to make their interventions during these informal interactive round table discussions.

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Additional details on the round table discussions, including on the manner in which the above mentioned interventions will be organized and other information on the High-level Meeting will follow shortly, and will be available on the website of the President of the General Assembly.

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

  
Ambassador Dejan Sahovic  
Deputy Chef de Cabinet