



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 18 May 2006

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Section V of the World Summit Outcome on Strengthening the United Nations, in particular paragraphs 172 to 175 on the participation of local authorities, the private sector and civil society, including non-governmental organizations. In this section, world leaders welcomed their positive contributions to the work of the United Nations and encouraged the continued dialogue between them and Member States.

During its sixtieth session, the General Assembly shall engage in three informal interactive hearings with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations and the private sector on HIV/AIDS, International Migration and Development and the Least Developed Countries.

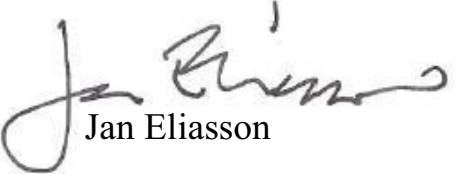
In the course of the preparations for these hearings, several issues have emerged that would benefit from further clarification and elaboration.

I have therefore asked Ambassador Johan L. Løvald of Norway and Ambassador Rezlan Ishar Jenie of Indonesia to act as my personal advisers on the relationship between Member States and representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in order to build on this experience and address future needs.

To All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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As they shall conduct informal contacts and dialogues with Member States in this regard, I very much hope that you will personally engage in these meetings.

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



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