



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

On 16 February, I shared with you a letter from the Secretary-General announcing the composition of the High-Level Panel he had appointed for the study on United Nations system-wide coherence in the areas of development, humanitarian assistance and the environment.

In that letter, I promised to revert with a date for an informal meeting of the plenary at which Member States and observers could contribute their perspectives to the panel.

I am pleased to advise that such a meeting has now been scheduled for 3pm to 6pm on Thursday 6th April, in Conference Room 4.

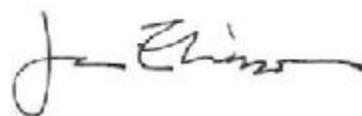
I intend to invite the following six panelists to make brief introductory remarks:

- H.E. Ms. Luisa Dias Diogo, Prime Minister, Mozambique (Panel co-chair)
- H.E. Mr. Ricardo Lagos Escobar, former President of the Republic of Chile
- Mr. Mohamed T. El-Ashry, Egypt, Senior Fellow, United Nations Foundation, former Chairman and CEO of the Global Environment Facility
- Mr. Robert Greenhill, Canada, President of the Canadian International Development Agency and Deputy Minister, International Cooperation, Canada
- Mr. Jean-Michel Severino, France, Director-General, French Development Agency and former Vice President of the World Bank East Asia and the Pacific
- Mr. Keizo Takemi, Japan, Member of the House of Councillors, Liberal Democratic Party and former State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

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I would then invite Member States and observers to address questions and comments to the panelists. I hope that we will be able to have an interactive exchange and dialogue, avoiding written statements wherever possible.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Eliasson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jan Eliasson