



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,

11 February 2009

Dear Mr. President,

Climate Change is a defining issue of our time and one of my key priorities. This year we must galvanize political leadership to reach a new climate agreement in Copenhagen in December. Therefore, I am planning to organize a High-level event on Climate Change in September 2009.

The initial target date was Monday, 21 September 2009 which is a United Nations official holiday. Therefore, I would like to request that the 64th General Assembly General Debate start on Wednesday, 23 September 2009 in order to allow for the High-level event on Climate Change to be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009.

Please be advised that several Heads of State or Government have expressed their wish to make their statements during the first week of the General Debate. Given the fact that I have to send invitations to Heads of State or Government to participate in the High-level event on Climate Change, I would very much appreciate it if the General Committee of the 63rd session could take a decision at its next meeting to hold the General Debate at the 64th session from Wednesday, 23 to Saturday, 26 September 2009 and from Monday, 28 September to Friday, 2 October 2009.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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