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To Toni Gallagher/NY/UNO  
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Subject Fw: Scenario for the opening of the High-level segment of the Commission on Sustainable Development on 13 May 2009 (17th session)

Is 10- 10:30 blocked on 13 may for this pls? thanks

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Subject Scenario for the opening of the High-level segment of the Commission on Sustainable Development on 13 May 2009 (17th session)

Dear Kaori,  
Please see below the scenario for the Secretary-General's attendance of the High-level Segment of CSD17 on 13 May.

Wednesday, 13 May 2009, General Assembly Hall

9:58 am - Mr. Sha, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs meets the Secretary-General in the waiting room behind the GA Hall and escorts him to the podium where the Secretary-General is greeted by the CSD-17 Chair, H.E. Ms Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands.

10:00 am - Opening remarks by the Chair - 8 minutes + showing of the video 4 minutes

10:12 am - **Remarks by the Secretary-General - 10 minutes**

10:22 am - Remarks by Mr. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York - 10 minutes

10:32 am - Secretary-General leaves, escorted by Mr. Sha - 2 minutes  
Mr. Sha replaces the Secretary-General on the podium

10:34 am - Remarks by H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia - 10 minutes

10:44 am - Remarks by H.E. Ms Sylvia Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN and President of ECOSOC - 10 minutes

10:54 am - Remarks by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chair, National Rural Support Programme, Pakistan - 10 minutes

11:04 am - Remarks by Ms Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director-General, IUCN - 10 minutes

11:14 am - Statements by Groups and Member States - 104 minutes

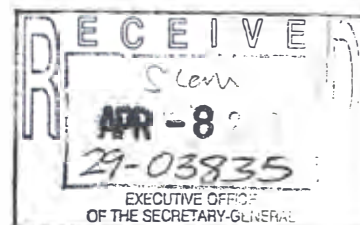
1:00 pm - Closing of the meeting

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,  
NATURE AND FOOD QUALITY

10 A.M.  
The Hague, 2 April 2009



H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
NEW YORK

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10 to 10:30 A.M.  
GA Hall  
Wednesday, 13 May 2009



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

Yours sincerely,

Gerda Verburg

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*The Ambassador*



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New York, 7 April 2009

*Mr Secretary General*

It is my pleasure to forward to you a letter from H.E. Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

*Yours sincerely,*  
A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'F' followed by a long horizontal line.

Frank Majoor

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