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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 2 October 2014 concerning the high-level week of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly. I wish to thank you for bringing to our attention the matter regarding the issuance of United Nations delegations grounds passes this year.

It is regrettable that members of your delegation had to wait for extended periods during the badging process for this year's General Debate. The significant number of delegates and other conference participants that were part of three separate high-level summit/conferences occurring before the start of the General Debate this year proved to be a challenge. While additional measures had been put in place, such as increasing the number of badging stations established, extending the hours of operation of the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit and the use of on-line accreditation, the volume of participants at times strained the capacity of the Unit.

Based on the lessons learned during this high-level week, we are currently reviewing possible solutions to expand the capacity of the operations of the Pass and Identification Unit to ensure a minimum amount of waiting time in the future.

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



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Dear Ms. Malcorra,

*Querida amiga Susana,*

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation that you and your staff extended to our delegation during the High-level week of the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, and particularly for the meeting between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. With your support, the Prime Minister was able to deliver his statements at the High-level meetings on Climate Change Summit, General Debate of the General Assembly, meeting on the Response to Ebola, as well as meeting on Peacekeeping Operations.

In addition, it was a great pleasure to learn of the Secretary-General's recent appointment of Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu of Japan as Assistant Secretary-General, and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Response Unit of the UNDP.

Lastly, I am obliged to draw your attention to the subject of the issuance of U.N. Delegation Ground passes this year. Members of my delegation including sub-cabinet level high officials had to wait for three to five hours on September 21 and 22 in order to obtain their passes. We strongly ask your good office to discuss this matter with the U.N. officials concerned so this problem will not arise again in the future.

I look forward to continuing to closely work together with you at the United Nations.

Sincerely yours,

*Motohide*

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