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HE Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
NEW YORK

Dear  Deputy Secretary-General

Since you made the keynote address that helped launch the High Level Review of UN Sanctions on 28 May 2014, all three working groups, chaired by the sponsors of the Review, Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece and Sweden, have conducted extensive consultations with stakeholders on the implementation of UN sanctions.

The Working Group chaired by Australia has worked particularly closely with the Secretariat and the Interagency Working Group on Sanctions convened by the Secretariat to coordinate its input to the High Level Review. I received the Interagency Working Group's submission from Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Jeffrey Feltman on 20 October 2014. This consolidated UN system input (including twenty UN entities) addressing common UN goals and concerns relating to UN sanctions and series of forward-looking recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of sanctions.

It is now time for the High Level Review to report back to the UN and Member States on the key findings and highlights of these consultations. The report will take the form of an open briefing at 3pm on 31 October 2014 in the ECOSOC Chamber. We believe the substantial contribution of the UN system to the Review means that it is only right that the Secretariat join the Chairs of the Working Groups to present the outcomes of its own interagency process as part of this briefing.

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Given the extent of the cross-portfolio engagement across the UN system, and your role in launching the High Level Review in May, I would like to invite you to brief the Membership on the UN system's contribution to this process.

Yours sincerely

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