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Mr. Sha  
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New York, 3 June 2009

Excellency,

Mindful of your consistent efforts in building trust and rallying political will needed for the achievement of millennium development goals and global efforts to effectively address climate change, we would like to draw your attention to a serious issue which, in our opinion, acts as an important symbolical link between our common work to promote development objectives and the global efforts to manage effectively the adverse effects of climate change. This issue is energy.

Improvements in energy efficiency and energy conservation, as well as a wider use of new and renewable sources of energy can make a crucial difference in our efforts to reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> thus helping to mitigate climate change and to pursue economic growth and social development.

The United Nations has an important role to play in raising awareness, sharing best experience and contributing to the international discussion on the promotion of sound and sustainable energy practices. This was the main driving motive for 18 Member-States from all regions of the world when they called for the first General Assembly interactive thematic dialogue on energy efficiency, energy conservation, new and renewable sources of energy. This event will take place on 18 June 2009.

Anxious about the utmost visibility and the practical follow-up of this debate, we kindly request your support for this event, including through the traditional UN media coverage, as well as – your busy schedule allowing – the honour of your personal participation in its opening ceremony.

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

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