

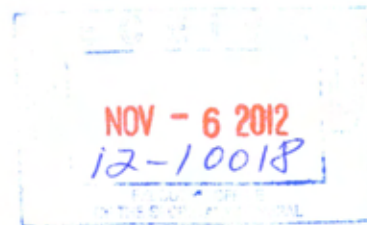
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**From:** Simona Petrova  
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Dear Susana,

Please find attached as advance info the revised draft speaking notes for the SG for the CEB formal session (via video) on 8 November.

The revisions reflect the briefing we just had with the SG and the text takes into account the SG's final decisions.

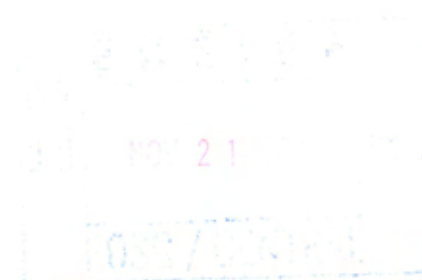
The speechwriters have now received this draft for finalizing.

Best,  
Simona



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REMARKS TO CHIEF EXECUTIVES BOARD FOR COORDINATION (CEB)  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION FOR 2012

FORMAL SESSION

New York, 2 November 2012

Good morning, colleagues.

Thank you all for your flexibility in accommodating your schedules for this special regular session of CEB.

I am grateful to the leadership of WMO for offering to host our colleagues in Geneva.

As you know, the UN complex in NY sustained serious damage from Hurricane Sandy, affecting our communications and other infrastructure. Nonetheless, all essential operations went ahead. I would like to pay tribute to the dedication of our staff, many of whom had also been impacted by the storm.

This unprecedented hurricane is a poignant reminder of our vulnerability in the face of extreme weather events. These are expected to only increase in magnitude in coming years as a result of climate change.

World-wide improvements of weather and climate modeling are critical for early action and response. I am heartened by the efforts of CEB members in outreach and support to the relevant national authorities.

It is also encouraging that the work we had launched at CEB in Spring 2011 on disaster risk reduction and resilience is moving forward under HLCP leadership.

At the same time, we must do more to ensure the business continuity that is needed for us to provide all the services that the world expects. I will be consulting with you in the coming weeks to seek your views on how best to address this issue.

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Let me start our session now by welcoming

-Mr. Guy Ryder, the new Director-General of ILO

as well as new members of my delegation:

-Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General,

-Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management,

- Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, is also joining us today representing the Coordinator for the Regional Commissions.

-Mr. Gregory Starr is also with us. This will be his last CEB session. He is here this morning to give us his final update on his work on staff security and safety.

Before we turn our attention to the agenda items before us, I would like to say a few words about one of our esteemed colleagues who will be leaving their organizations and this Board at the end of the year.

Mr. Dayan,

Thank you for your dynamic leadership of UPU since 2005.

You have shown a strong commitment to strengthening the Union's relations with the United Nations and international organizations.

The UPU initiative "Addressing the World campaign, an Address for everyone", on which you briefed the Board, was truly a system-wide effort.

You have kept pace with the dramatic technological advances of the information society and promoted a greener and more sustainable postal sector.

You have strengthened the role of the postal sector as a facilitator of trade and financial inclusion.

And you have done your utmost to improve the quality of postal services worldwide.

Mr. Dayan, we thank you for these achievements and for your commitment to the United Nations. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

I am sure you would like to say a few words.

*[Edouard Dayan's Intervention]*

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<p><b><u>Item 1:</u> Adoption of the agenda/Time-table</b></p>
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Let me turn to our *time-table and agenda*. To benefit from everyone's participation, we had to change the order of our agenda items. We will start our meeting with a substantive discussion on the "Rule of Law". I have asked the Deputy Secretary-General to launch the discussion. He and I are both very encouraged by the forward-looking declaration adopted at this past September's high-level meeting on the subject.

Afterwards, the Chairs of HLCP and HLCM will provide short introductions of their reports and outline the decisions taken on our behalf. We should be able to endorse the reports without discussion. Ms. Clark who is travelling will also be joining us by teleconference later this morning.

We have very limited time today, so I request that all speakers are as succinct as possible.



Regarding the CEB review, the General Assembly will be considering the issue of consolidation of the CEB Secretariat during the current session of the Assembly. We had circulated a note regarding this issue prior to our meeting today. I had looked forward to the opportunity to discuss the consolidation issue with you at the breakfast session at Greentree. Instead, I would like to ask you to provide me, in writing, with your views on the issue of secretariat consolidation in New York by 15 November. The GA has requested me to prepare a report on the issue at its current session. Your inputs and views on the matter will be most valuable in the finalization of the report.

I take it that you approve the agenda and time-table?

It is so decided. Thank you.

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Before we move to our substantive discussion, let me take up one more housekeeping item: the dates and venues of future sessions.

We have accepted the invitation from Mr. Rifai to host our 2013 spring session at UNWTO in Madrid. I understand that consultations have confirmed the dates of Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th of April.

May I take it that we can formally approve those dates?

It is so decided.

Thank you, Mr. Taleb.

Our fall 2013 session will be held, as usual, at UN Headquarters in New York. The CEB Secretariat will consult with you regarding dates.

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<p><b><u>Item 3:</u> The Rule of Law</b></p>
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Now - let us move to the discussion on the rule of law.

As you are aware, the rule of law has received heightened attention at the global level with the successful High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law at the opening of this year's General Assembly. Member States at the highest level adopted a Declaration which re-confirms the rule of law as a central principle of governance that guides national affairs and international relations.

The rule of law permeates the agenda of the United Nations. There are strong links between the rule of law and the three pillars of our work: development, peace and security and human rights.

Most of you address the rule of law in your daily work by promoting gender equality, addressing violence against women, upholding land and tenure rights for poor small scale farmers, supporting the legal empowerment of the poor, fighting corruption and injustice.

Because the rule of law is such a central component of our work, we need to ensure that our work is complementary and coordinated. That is why I asked the Policy Committee to enhance the strategic role of the UN Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group to increase predictability, coherence, accountability and effectiveness in our efforts at the national and international levels.

But we need to do more. The High-level meeting and the Declaration have given us momentum to build on. Now is the time to take our efforts forward in unison.

I have asked the Deputy Secretary-General to lead the UN system on matters related to the rule of law. I now give him the floor to introduce the item.

*[Jan Eliasson's Intervention]*

Thank you, Mr. Eliasson

The floor is open.

*[Various Interventions]*

*[Deputy Secretary-General to provide short summary of the discussion]*

Thank you Mr. Eliasson

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<p><b><u>Item 2:</u> Presentation of CEB High-Level Committees' Reports</b></p>
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Let us now move to our next item on the reports of CEB's High-Level Committees.

We have before us the latest reports of the High-Level Committee on Programmes, the High-Level Committee on Management and the United Nations Development Group.

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I would now like to give the floor to Mr. Steiner on the work of HLCP.

*[Achim Steiner's Intervention]*

Thank you, Mr. Steiner.

May I take it that we endorse HLCP's report?

On HLCP chairmanship, I like to propose a second term for Mr. Steiner.

May I take it that CEB agrees to a second term for Mr. Steiner?

It is so decided.

Thank you, Mr. Steiner, for your renewed personal commitment and excellent stewardship of HLCP.

Under HLCP, we have UN Water which is currently chaired by Mr. Jarraud. Mr. Jarraud provided us with a detailed presentation at our last session. I am inviting him now to give us a brief update on the work of the group.

*[Michel Jarraud's Intervention]*

Thank you, Mr. Jarraud.

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I now give the floor to Mr. Gurry to brief us on the work of HLCM.

*[Francis Gurry's Intervention]*

Thank you, Mr. Gurry.

I would now like to give the floor to Mr. Starr, on staff security and safety.

*[Gregory Starr's Intervention]*

Thank you, Mr. Starr. I know I speak for everyone in offering our most sincere appreciation for your work and commitment during your tenure.

May I take it that we concur with HLCM's decisions and can adopt its report?

It is so decided.

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I now invite Miss Clark to brief us on developments within undg via audio link.

*[Helen Clark's Intervention]*

Thank you, Miss Clark.

May I take it that we note and endorse the undg report?

It is so decided.

There is one additional item which I would like to introduce briefly at the personal request of President Kim of the World Bank. He regrets not being able to join us but [Mr/s. ...] will present a proposal which I would like you to consider for approval today.

**I invite Mr/s. [...] to take the floor.**

*[World Bank Intervention]*

**May I take it that CEB supports the proposal by the World Bank to include, in the semi-annual meetings of the CEB, a review of the implementation of MDGs on the ground in conjunction with an extension of the duration of the CEB's retreat sessions.**

**It is so decided.**

**The formal session is now closed. Thank you.**