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Dear Ms. Clark,

I visited Libya last week to attend the 13th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU). I addressed the Summit in remarks that focused on the Summit's theme of 'Agricultural Investment for Economic Growth and Food Security' and made special reference to the Gleneagles Scenarios. I hope that this provided useful foreshadowing of discussions this week in L'Aquila.

During the AU Summit, my delegation and I received excellent support from the Resident Coordinator, Mr. Brian Gleeson. I understand that he will leave his post on 13 July. It might be worthwhile to give special attention, in your role as UNDG Chair, to the appointment of his successor, owing to Libya's current role as Chair of the African Union, its membership of the United Nations Security Council, its membership of the UN Human Rights Council, and Dr. Ali Treiki's imminent succession to the Presidency of the General Assembly.

A particularly effective RC in Libya would add substantial support to the UN system's engagement with this strategically important country. I understand from Mr. Gleeson that he would be happy to contribute in any way that would be helpful to the search for a new RC and in articulating priorities for future interaction with the Libyan authorities.

Thank you very much in advance for your kind attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,


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