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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 64/134 entitled "Proclamation of 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding", adopted during the sixty-fourth session on 18 December 2009.

The General Assembly decided to "proclaim the year commencing on 12 August 2010 the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding". The Assembly also decided "to organize under the auspices of the United Nations a world youth conference as the highlight of the year" and invited "the President of the General Assembly to conduct open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the conference, which is to be funded by voluntary contributions".

I am very pleased to inform you that H.E. Mr. Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Benin, has agreed to continue to serve as Facilitator for the consultations on the organization of the world youth conference.

To ensure a successful world youth conference, I trust all Members States will give the Facilitator their full support on this collective undertaking.

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

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