



THE PRESIDENT
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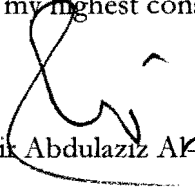
I have the pleasure to inform you that I met with the Executive Coordinators of Rio+20 this week on 6 October 2011. I am very pleased to note the progress made so far in the preparations for this conference. Given the importance of ensuring maximum participation of stakeholders from all regions, it was brought to my attention that there are indications that many countries might not be in a position to participate fully and be present in Rio in June 2012 because of budgetary constraints.

This is a serious issue that could undermine one of the key objectives of this conference, which is ensuring the broadest possible participation and engagement of all stakeholders from developed and developing countries throughout the preparatory phase of the conference and indeed following the conference. Most of the countries that are facing this constraint are developing countries. I, therefore, urge all countries that are in a position to provide financial support, to do so. For the said purpose, member states may wish to contact Ms. Kathleen Abdalla (abdallak@un.org Tel: 1-212 963 8416) who is responsible for the contributions to the Trust Fund.

In this respect I draw your attention to GA Resolution RES/64/236 paragraph 28 quoted below:

“ Encourages international and bilateral donors and other countries in a position to do so to support the preparations for the Conference through voluntary contributions to the Commission’s trust fund and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries, and invites voluntary contributions to support the participation of major groups of developing countries in the regional and international preparatory processes and the Conference itself;”

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration


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