



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 January 2012

Excellency,

Please find attached, for your consideration, a letter I received from H.E. Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Chairman of the Group of 77, on South-South Cooperation. The letter requests me to initiate discussions on options to implement General Assembly resolutions 58/220, 60/212, 62/209 and 64/222, which call for the strengthening of the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation.

Please be informed that I also intend to take up the issue with H. E. the Secretary-General.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nasser' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

All Member States and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

CC: H. E. Mr Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York



# THE GROUP OF 77

New York  
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Excellency,

As you are aware, the Second South Summit of the Group of 77 held in Doha, Qatar on 12-16 June 2005, decided in paragraph 110 of the Doha Plan of Action, "to request the UN Secretary-General; in consultation with member states, to take concrete measures to further strengthen the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation as a separate entity and a focal point for South-South cooperation within the United Nations system as reaffirmed by General Assembly resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003, so as to enable it to carry out its full responsibilities, in particular through of mobilization of resources for the advancement of South-South cooperation including through triangular cooperation."

In furtherance of the above directive, the UN High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation held in Nairobi, Kenya on 1-3 December 2009, decided in paragraph 21(i) of the Nairobi Outcome Document which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, to "invite the Secretary-General, in consultation with States Members of the United Nations, to take measures to further strengthen the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, as reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 58/220, 60/212 and 62/209, so as to enable it to carry out its full responsibilities, in particular through the mobilization of resources for the advancement of South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation."

In light of the above and in accordance with the mandate entrusted to me by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 on the occasion of their Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting held in New York on 23 September 2011, I am writing to request Your Excellency to initiate discussions on options to implement the South Summit decision and relevant General Assembly resolutions in the context of the ongoing JIU review process during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

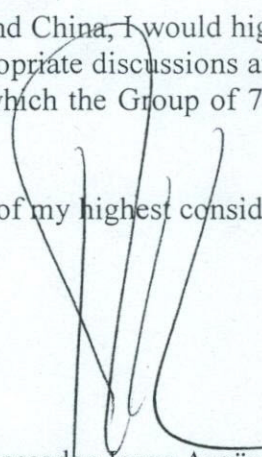
As you know, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 64/222 to upgrade the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation responded to the decision of the Second South Summit which the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 and China reiterated in order to give it the visibility that it deserves as mandated by the Heads of State and Government. They stressed that South-South cooperation and its agenda must be driven by the countries of the South and that such cooperation, which is critical for developing



countries, requires long-term vision and a global institutional arrangement as envisioned by the Second South Summit.

Therefore, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would highly appreciate your efforts with the UN Secretary-General in initiating appropriate discussions and consultations as soon as possible in order address this critical matter to which the Group of 77 and China attaches great importance.

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



Ambassador Jorge Argüello,  
Permanent Representative of Argentina  
to the United Nations  
Chairman of the Group of 77

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser  
President of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly  
New York

c.c.: H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations