

8 August 2005

Subject: Information on events for the ten-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

Dear Mr. Edudzie and Mr. Carrol,

This year the General Assembly will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth. The occasion presents an excellent opportunity to review the implementation of the Programme of Action and to reinvigorate commitment to work towards a better, more secure future for young people worldwide.

In its resolution 59/148 of 20 December 2004, the Assembly decided to convene, at its sixtieth session, two plenary meetings to evaluate progress in implementing the Programme of Action. It also decided to hold, prior to the plenary meetings, an informal, interactive roundtable discussion on "Young People: Making Commitments Matter". In resolution 59/148, the Assembly also determined to facilitate the access of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to UN Headquarters for these events.

I am pleased to inform you that the General Assembly plenary meetings have been scheduled to take place on **6 October 2005**. Please note that while non-governmental organizations are not entitled to speak during the plenary meetings of the General Assembly, they can pre-register representatives to attend and observe the meetings. The interactive roundtable discussion will be held one day prior on **5 October 2005**. The roundtable discussion will be open to the participation of all Member States, observers, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental youth organizations.

In order to gain access to the visitor's balcony in the General Assembly Hall, all organizations, including those accredited to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and in possession of a valid UN Grounds Pass, must pre-register in order to receive a secondary pass. Should your organization be interested in observing the General Assembly meetings and participating in the other events related to anniversary, I would kindly ask that you complete the attached pre-registration form and return it to us by fax or email no later than **12 September 2005**.

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A confirmation letter will be sent to each representative registered to attend the events. This letter will contain further information on special requirements for accessing the General Assembly Hall as well as the location of the roundtable discussion.

Please note that the United Nations Secretariat is unable to assist your organization in covering the costs of travel, accommodation, or daily subsistence allowance should you wish to attend these events. The Secretariat is also unable to assist with any related visa requirements.

Additional information on the events for the ten-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth is contained in the attached Information Note. Should you have any questions regarding the participation of your organization, or should your organization be interested in holding a side event during the anniversary, I invite you to contact Ms. Julie Larsen at larsenj@un.org or (917) 367-6036 to obtain the necessary information as soon as possible, but no later than **30 August 2005**.

I look forward to working with your organization towards a successful ten-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth and hope to be able to welcome your representatives in New York later this year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johan Schölvinck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Johan Schölvinck