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To: The World Civil Society

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Dear friends in the civil society,

I am writing to thank you most sincerely because I was deeply touched by your decision to nominate me to address on your behalf, the UN General Assembly High Level session on climate change on September 22, 2009.

It is with great honor, I was able to consult some of your representatives and therefore felt I did convey on your behalf. It was a strong message to world leaders based on your valuable inputs and concerns. It is my sincere hope that our common message was heard and that it would make an impact.

As you are all aware, we are fighting a long battle against climate change and in this regard, we need to continue to be engaged and committed, especially as we are closely approaching Copenhagen.

Once again, thank you for having provided me with this opportunity to address world leaders on all our behalf and I wish you all much success in your endeavors.

For your information and perusal, please find attached the speech I delivered at the UN General Assembly and thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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