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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) which, inter alia, decided to launch an intergovernmental process under the auspices of the General Assembly to propose "options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization ofresources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives".

The conference also decided that this process would be implemented by an intergovernmental committee, comprising 30 experts nominated by regional groups, with equitable geographical representation. The Committee is to conclude its work by 2014, when the General Assembly will consider its report for appropriate action.

Given the significance and urgency of mobilizing adequate financing for sustainable development, and the magnitude of the tasks assigned to the intergovernrilental committee of experts, it is important that the General Assembly establishes this committee as soon as possible.

I have asked RE. Ms. Byrganym Aitimova, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan and RE. Mr. Geir O. Pedersen, Permanent Representative of Norway, to facilitate the process of the establishment of this committee. I am grateful for Ambassador Aitimova