



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 June 2006

Excellency,

I should be grateful if you would convey the following message to the distinguished delegates of the Fifth Committee:

“Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you today in connection with your consideration this morning of the report of the Secretary-General on expenditure authorization for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/889) and the related report of the ACABQ (A/60/7/Add.40).

I have been fully apprised by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, His Excellency, Mr. John Ashe, of the deliberations in the Fifth Committee regarding the lifting of the spending cap. As you may be aware, during this past week I have been assisting by holding consultations with representatives of individual Member States and of regional groups of States with the objective of lifting the spending cap by consensus. I am working towards building this consensus.

It is my sincere intention to bring this matter to a conclusion by Wednesday, 28 June. In the meantime, I am confident that I can count on your tangible cooperation in contributing towards achieving this objective as soon as possible.”

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Eliasson', written in a cursive style.

Jan Eliasson

H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe  
Chairman of the Fifth Committee