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Excellency, *Dear Friend.*

The Secretary General called me today (10 July 2008) at lunch time to inform me about the shortlist of candidates for the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights. They are:

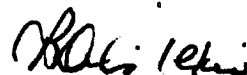
- Ms. Navanethem Pillay (South Africa)
- Ms. Hina J. Iani (Pakistan)
- Mr. Juan Mendez (Argentina)

The Secretary General underlined that all of them were involved in issues and/or institutions related to human rights.

The Secretary General, in the name of transparency, wanted to share these names with the members of the Asian Group. I believe he has approached in a similar manner to the chairpersons of the other four geographical groups.

Secretary General also underlined that after a long and careful selection process this shortlist has been compiled. He also stated the hope to make a final decision and announce the appointment during the course of next week.

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

Best regards.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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