



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
PRIME MINISTER**

Tirana, 11 December, 2006

Excellency, *Don Kendall*

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you and the United Nations system for all the valuable support and assistance provided to Albania. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my Government's commitment to support the Secretary General's efforts to create an even stronger and effective United Nations.

I read with interest the Secretary General's High Level Panel Report, launched on 9 November 2006. We have taken note that this process will involve significant changes for the United Nations, developing countries and donors alike. We are confident that the recommendations of the report will lead to greater impact of UN system assistance around the world as agencies work more closer and effectively in the interests of a greater common goal.

I would like to reiterate my Government's commitment to further UN reform at country level and in this context I am writing to express the strong interest of the Albanian Government to be considered as one of the pilot offices to implement "One UN". The recommendation of the High Level Panel to have "One budget, One Programme, One leader and One UN house" will no doubt contribute significantly to a coherent and unified structure at country level.

During your successful visit to Albania earlier this year you had placed emphasis on the importance of enhancing aid and donor coordination under the leadership of the Government. I am pleased to inform you of the progress we have made in applying an integrated planning and resource allocation approach with clear national leadership on aid coordination and effectiveness to ensure harmonized support to national priorities.

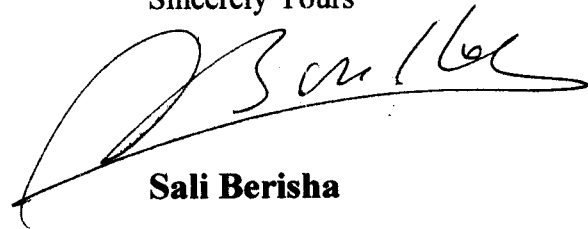
H.E. Mr. Kemal Derviş
Chairman
United Nations Development Group
New York – USA

Cc: Mark Malloch Brown, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations

The selection of Albania as pilot country would help accelerate this process and ongoing efforts by building on the momentum created by recommendations contained in the High-level Panel Report. My Government is also working with the UN in Albania to find a suitable common premise for the UN Agencies.

I look forward to foster our continuous and dynamic cooperation between Albania and the United Nations.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Berisha', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'Sali Berisha'.

Sali Berisha