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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your letter of 7 September about the arrangements for the Prime Minister to address the UN General Assembly in the autumn. I think that the Prime Minister would be content with what you propose, although it is difficult to make firm plans until we have a date for the State Opening.

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Prime Minister

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We cannot fix a date until we know about the State Opening.

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We have consulted our mission in New York about dates and what other functions the Prime Minister might undertake while she is there. Their advice is:

- that the Prime Minister can address a plenary session of the General Assembly at a time of her choosing. Such a speech would, however, normally be delivered in the morning (which is also best for the British media - but might require the Prime Minister to fly over the night before). It should also, if possible, take place soon after 14 November (when environmental discussions in the Assembly will still be at an early stage) and between Tuesday and Thursday when attendance is likely to be fuller;
- the normal protocol is that the Prime Minister would also pay calls on the President of the Assembly and the Secretary General. The latter (to whom Sir Crispin has spoken about all this) has offered to give a lunch in her honour afterwards;
- Sir Crispin suggests that it would be a nice touch if (assuming she spoke in the morning) the Prime Minister could attend a brief working meeting of the Ambassadors of the Five Permanent Members of the Council. This would underline very clearly the importance we attach to the work of the Five. He has also offered to give a reception in her honour in the evening, or on the evening before if she arrives then, including prominent UN figures and leading members of the UN environmental and scientific community.

I would be grateful for your reaction to all this. It would be particularly helpful to fix a date for the speech soon so that we can begin making detailed arrangements.

Janet, Stephen Wall

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Private Secretary

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If State Opening on Wednesday there will be no Questions on Thursday. Can I leave Hof Commons after my own speech, fly to N. York and speak on Thursday morning.

Cont with the outline CDD 7/9

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