THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Your Majesty,

On my return to New York, I take this opportunity to express to Your Majesty and your Government, my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to me during my recent visit to the Sultanate in my capacity as President of the thirty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The visit afforded me a unique opportunity to observe at first hand the impressive developments that have taken place in Oman under Your Majesty's wise and dynamic leadership. Through my visit to Salalah, Jabal Akhdhar and other areas of the Sultanate, I was privileged to have a broader view of these developmental efforts.

I am particularly grateful to Your Majesty that, in spite of your very busy schedule, you graciously granted me an extensive audience. Through this meeting, I was able to exchange views with Your Majesty on the international situation. I greatly benefited from your analysis of the regional and world situation and how Your Majesty perceived Oman's role in that context.

Allow me to add that I was very much inspired by Your Majesty's commitment to the strengthening and promotion of Afro-Arab solidarity and co-operative interaction within

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the larger objective of international understanding. As I had the occasion to explain to Your Majesty, it is my firm conviction that the brotherly Sultanate of Oman has an important role to play in this regard.

Before returning to New York, I had the opportunity of visiting Tanzania where I met with President Nyerere. I briefed him of Your Majesty's views on Afro-Arab co-operation, as well as our discussions on establishing and promoting Oman-Tanzania ties. President Nyerere was most supportive of these views. It is therefore my sincere hope that before long a new era will be opened in the relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Salim Ahmed Salim