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for SC attention

Note to the Secretary-General

Presentation to ACABQ
of proposed programme budget 2006-2007

ACABQ is scheduled to begin review of the 2006-2007 Budget during the week of 23 May. Ms. Bertini has inquired about your availability personally to introduce the Budget and answer general questions from the Committee, as has traditionally been the practice.

As the Committee's preferred date, 25 May, falls within the "frozen" period, we have sought Mr. Sach's views about the prospect of the DSG presenting the budget on your behalf. He strongly advises against this. He notes that the Chairman is willing to be flexible, and that the discussion could be advanced to 19 or 20 May. Delaying the presentation by a week is also possible but, according to Mr. Sach, not desirable.

If you are not able to present the Budget, it may be advisable at this stage to indicate the reason and announce your limited programme during this period.

Please advise.

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