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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family****Letter dated 18 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly***

On 5 December 2001, the General Assembly adopted resolution 56/38, entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering". In paragraph 9 of the resolution, it is stated that on 5 December 2002, International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, two plenary meetings at the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly would be devoted to the outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up under the agenda item entitled "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family".

Due to the fact that the date designated in the resolution for plenary meetings coincides with an official holiday of the United Nations this year, I should like to request you to take the necessary steps to set an alternative date for the meetings. I understand that it is suggested that they be held on Tuesday, 26 November 2002.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 8 and 108.

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* In order for the General Assembly to take the required action, it will be necessary for the General Assembly to decide to re-open the consideration of agenda item 108.