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Dear Secretary-General BAN,

Further to my letter sent on 29 January 2016 and the unavailability of Former President José Mujica of Uruguay, I am pleased to inform you that Former President Jakaya Kikwete of the United Republic of Tanzania has agreed to deliver the 13th Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture on 6 June 2016, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters in New York, and I would like to invite you to attend the lecture as a special guest. The lecture will be followed by a reception starting at 6:00 p.m.

The lecture was initiated in 1989 as a tribute to Mr. Salas who was the first Executive Director and founding spirit of UNFPA. Each year, we invite a distinguished guest lecturer to address important aspects of population and development.

The Salas Lecture series provides a unique forum for distinguished guest lecturers to discuss important aspects of population and development. The first lecture, in 1989, was delivered by Dr. Saburo Okita, former Foreign Minister of Japan on Population and Development. Subsequent lectures have been delivered by such distinguished officials as His Royal Highness Prince Philip and the Duke of Edinburgh, Mr. Nicholas D. Kristof, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and columnist for the New York Times, amongst others.

I hope that you will find time in your busy schedule to join us for this special event. Your office may liaise with Ms. Silvia da Rin Pagnetto, Chief of the UNFPA Executive Board Branch at darinpagnetto@unfpa.org or +1 212 297 5016; and Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson, Editorial and Research Associate at ferguson@unfpa.org or +1 212 297 4952 on your availability.

With respect,

Yours sincerely,

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