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Excellency,

In my letter of 25 June 2008, I had the honour to inform you that the Secretary-General had designated Mrs. Naheed Haque, United Nations System Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands and Niue and Tokelau, to represent him at the Summit of the Pacific Islands Forum, to take place in Alofi on 19 and 20 August.

Since then, we have received the welcome news that Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will now be able to represent the Secretary-General at your high level meeting. Ms. Heyzer's ongoing involvement in the Pacific and her support for a wider role for ESCAP in the region would enable her to meet with Forum representatives and to learn more of the broad programme of work of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Ms. Heyzer would be accompanied by Mrs. Haque during her visit to Niue.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Toke Talagi  
Prime Minister of Niue  
Alofi


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**FACSIMILE MESSAGE**

Date:	31 July 2008	Ref:	
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Dear Ms. Heyzer,

Thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the 39<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Forum Meeting, scheduled for 19 and 20 August in Alofi.

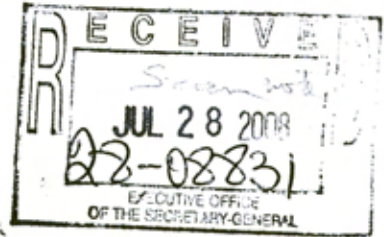
Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards.


YVC {extension}  
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

**PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SUMMIT**



1. DPA is seeking to strengthen its relations with the Pacific Islands Forum in addressing many serious issues in the region, especially with regard to finding a solution to the current situation in Fiji.
2. In this regard, I welcomed your nomination of a representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Naheed Haque, UN Resident Coordinator in Samoa, to attend the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum Summit in Alofi from 19-20 August on his behalf.
3. Since your letter to the Prime Minister of Niue of 25 June 2008, advising him of Ms. Haque's attendance, the Head of ESCAP, Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, has become available to attend the Forum Summit and would be pleased to do so. For some time now, ESCAP has been increasingly involved in the Pacific, especially in light of our acceptance of observer status at the Pacific Islands Forum since December 2006. Ms. Heyzer's attendance at the Summit would also raise the level of our representation to that of Under-Secretary-General, which would be well received and appreciated by Pacific leader's to the Forum.
4. I would therefore recommend that Ms. Heyzer attend the Pacific Islands Forum, accompanied by Ms. Haque. I attach a draft letter addressed to the Prime Minister of Niue for your signature, conveying to him the good news of our higher level of participation at the Summit.

  
B. Lynn Pascoe  
25 July 2008

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