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Dear Sir Jeremy,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 11 May 2007, inviting him to take part in a conference on "The Future of the United Nations", to be held from 22 to 24 June in Oxfordshire. I further wish to thank you for your kind words of congratulations extended to me for my appointment as Chef de Cabinet.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation to this important meeting, which will assemble a remarkable selection of distinguished personalities, over the future of our common Organization. However, much to his regret, he will not be able to attend, owing to prior commitments.

Let me take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful conference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vijay Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

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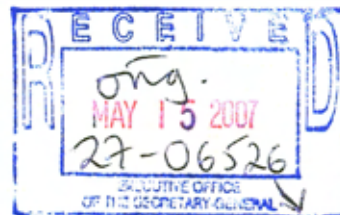
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11 May 2007

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Dear Secretary General

**THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
22-24 June 2007**

The Ditchley Foundation is planning a conference in June on the future of the United Nations. I understand that you will be travelling to the UK in late June and it would be an honour if you were able to participate in the conference, for all or some of those two days, as part of your programme. I am sure it would be a useful opportunity for you to consult privately and confidentially with international experts. I have attached a list of confirmed participants for your information.

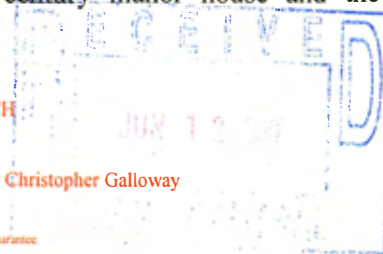
The conference, chaired by Ambassador Thomas Pickering, will start at 4pm on Friday 22 June and end at lunchtime on Sunday 24 June. The Saturday programme creates time for discussion in smaller working groups and there is a two-hour break in the programme on Saturday afternoon for private free time.

Ditchley conferences are designed as a forum for senior policy-makers, politicians, business people, professional analysts and academics from a range of countries to discuss and investigate topical policy questions. They allow participants to hear the views of other experts in the field and draw operational or analytical conclusions. The Foundation is privately funded and was set up to promote transatlantic understanding by studying important issues of the day; senior participants are invited through our sister Foundations in the United States and Canada. But international representation these days goes much wider and conferences include delegates from nations all over the globe. The venue enables debate surrounded by the calm and beauty of the splendid eighteenth century manor house and the surrounding Oxfordshire countryside.

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The conference in June will examine the likely course of reform at the UN and the proposed subject matter has been described in invitations as follows:

“With a new Secretary-General installed in New York, what pressures on the organisation will this five-year term have to face and what benefits from the UN will Member States need to ensure? The conference will aim to identify the most important lessons learnt from the Annan decade and to apply them to the challenges coming up. Have Member States undervalued the UN’s potential for resolving disputes? Are accountabilities in the right place and fully enough understood? What improvements can realistically be made, after all the work in recent years on reform, to the Secretariat, Agencies and Funds? If some of the threats facing the international community are new, what further changes might the UN attempt or Member States be wise to pursue? Participants will be invited to offer thoughts and recommendations both to the new team in New York and to the governments most likely to have an impact on the outcomes.”

Yours office will be able to find further information on The Ditchley Foundation and its activities on www.ditchley.co.uk.

I very much hope that you will be able to join us for this event. The proceedings are strictly private: no-one has ever been publicly quoted on what they have said at a Ditchley conference.

With my warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Greenstock

JEREMY GREENSTOCK
Director

The Ditchley Foundation

File List

The Future of the United Nations

Friday 22 June 2007 to Sunday 24 June 2007

Accepted Name	Country	Governor	Invited	Responded	Notes
HRH Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad Al Hussein	Jordan		19/02/2007	23/02/2007	
Ambassador Harriet Babbitt	USA		02/01/2007	22/03/2007	
Mr David Bercuson	Canada		04/01/2007	04/01/2007	
Professor Mats Berdal	Norway			02/01/2007	
Ms Judy Cheng-Hopkins	UN		26/04/2007	27/04/2007	
Mr Steve Crawshaw	USA		02/01/2007	08/01/2007	
HE Mr John Dauth LVO	Australia		02/01/2007	12/02/2007	
Mr Sam Daws	UN		02/01/2007	02/01/2007	
Ambassador James Dobbins	USA			02/01/2007	
Dr Alistair Edgar	Canada/UK		10/01/2007	11/01/2007	
HE Mr Yury Fedotov	Russia		02/01/2007	02/01/2007	
Mr Nicholas Ferguson	UK		11/01/2007	11/01/2007	
Ms Louise Fréchette	Canada		10/01/2007	10/01/2007	
Mr Jean-Marie Guéhenno	UN		02/01/2007	05/03/2007	
The Rt Hon Lord Hannay of Chiswick GCMG CH	UK	X	14/12/2006	02/01/2007	
Ambassador Paul Heinbecker	Canada			02/01/2007	
Ms Noeleen Heyzer	UNDP/UNIFEM		02/01/2007	18/01/2007	
Dr Kim Holmes	USA			02/01/2007	
HE Mr Wolfgang Ischinger	Germany		02/01/2007	02/01/2007	
Dr Bruce Jones	USA		30/01/2007	02/02/2007	
Sir Emyr Jones Parry KCMG	UK				
HE Mr Dumisani Kumalo	South Africa		02/01/2007	15/01/2007	
HE Mr Jean-David Levitte	France		14/12/2006	02/01/2007	
HE Ms Ellen Loj	Denmark		30/01/2007	31/01/2007	
Ms Bronwen Maddox	UK	X		02/01/2007	
Sir Mark Malloch Brown KCMG	UN		26/01/2007	23/02/2007	
HE Dr David Malone	Canada			02/01/2007	
Professor Gill Marcus	South Africa			02/01/2007	
HE Mr Thomas Matussek	Germany			02/01/2007	
Ms Carolyn McAskie	UN		30/01/2007	09/02/2007	
The Hon Donald McHenry	USA		13/01/2007	15/01/2007	
Mr Tim Morris	UK		02/01/2007	19/02/2007	
Professor Joseph S Nye	USA		14/02/2007	14/02/2007	
Mrs Sadako Ogata	Japan		26/01/2007	14/02/2007	
Ambassador Carlos Pascual	USA		02/01/2007	02/01/2007	
Mr Stephen Pattison	UK			02/01/2007	
HE Mr Gerhard Pfanzelter	Austria		09/01/2007	15/02/2007	
Ambassador Thomas R Pickering	USA		15/02/2007	19/02/2007	
Baron Dr Peter Piot	UN		30/01/2007	30/01/2007	
Sir Kieran Prendergast KCVO CMG	UK		02/01/2007	02/01/2007	
Ambassador John Richardson	European Union		30/01/2007	15/02/2007	
Mr Terje Roed-Larsen	Norway		30/01/2007	05/02/2007	
Mr Eric Rosand	USA		12/02/2007	14/02/2007	
The Hon Nicholas Rostow	USA		02/01/2007	04/01/2007	
Professor John Ruggie	USA		02/01/2007	04/03/2007	

Ms Zainab Salbi	USA/Iraq		02/01/2007	06/03/2007
Mr John Sawers CMG	UK	X		02/01/2007
HE Mr Kamalesh Sharma	India	X		02/01/2007
Ms Brooke Shearer	USA		30/01/2007	30/01/2007
Dr Stephen Stedman	USA		30/01/2007	30/01/2007
The Hon Strobe Talbott	USA		30/01/2007	30/01/2007
Dr Anna Tibaijuka	UN/Tanzania		03/01/2007	03/01/2007
Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO	UK	X	11/01/2007	17/01/2007
Mr Mark Turner	UK		11/01/2007	11/01/2007

Total Accepted: 54.00
