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15 May 2007

Dear Mr. White,

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 19 February 2007, inviting the Secretary-General to participate in the World Congress of the International Federation of Journalists, to be held in Moscow from 28 May to 1 June 2007.

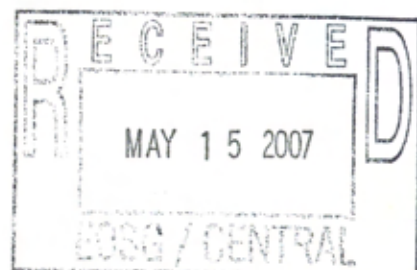
On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to thank you for your kind invitation, which he would have wished to honour. However, I regret to inform you that, owing to the pressures on his schedule, he will not be able to attend the congress.

With best wishes for a successful congress,

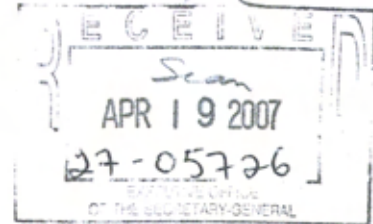
Yours sincerely,

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**International Federation of Journalists**  
**From the General Secretary**

Mr Ban Ki-moon,  
Secretary General,  
United Nations  
UN Headquarters  
First Avenue at 46th Street  
New York, NY 10017

*Dpl address to Ban Ki-moon*

Brussels, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2007

Dear Mr Ban Ki-moon,

On behalf of the International Federation of Journalists I am delighted to invite you to you to participate in the World Congress of the International Federation of Journalists will take place in Moscow from May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

We hope that in the spirit of strengthening our co-operation you will be able to join us at the Congress, the largest representative gathering of journalists in the world, is held every three years.

The theme for this year's event is **Making News for Democracy: Building Trust in Quality Journalism**, and will include a core programme of events including sessions on

- *Journalism and Inter-Cultural Dialogue in the Face of Terrorism and Intolerance*
- *Global Media and the Fight for Decent Work*
- *What Future for Journalism?*

The total attendance will be around 1,000, including delegates, invited guests and observers, and participants from Russia and the CIS countries. There will be numerous side events and cultural activities which have a daily theme attached to each region – Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East.

One key feature of this year's Congress will be the issue of impunity in the killing of journalists, an issue I know that is at the centre of the United Nation's concerns following the decision of the Security Council in December 2006 to adopt unanimously a resolution on the security and protection of journalists in conflict zones – a move that was first initiated by the IFJ and which was presented by the Government of Greece, supported by France.

The IFJ is fully supporting the activities of UNESCO associated with World Press Freedom Day, May 3, this year in Colombia and at our Congress we shall organise a

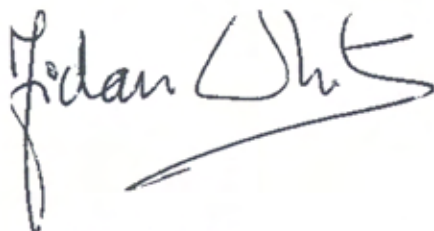
special one-day event, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, to examine the crisis of impunity in Russia itself, as well as to review the problems around the world.

I hope that the United Nations will be able to contribute and to ensure that this event is part of your ongoing actions in this area.

In all, I believe that the Congress provides an important opportunity for us to reinforce our co-operation, to identify priorities for our future work and to ensure that the United Nations is very much engaged in the dialogue with journalists' groups around the world in pursuit of its mandate. I hope very much you will be able to join us.

Please respond to the IFJ Secretariat ([ifj@ifj.org](mailto:ifj@ifj.org)) for more information about your participation.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aidan White', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

AIDAN WHITE  
General Secretary

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Chris de Bono/NY/UNO  
04/05/2007 02:37 PM

To Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc Lydia Lobenthal/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
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Subject Fw: For advice please -- invitation fro the International Fed.  
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We have now learned from the Russian Mission that the official authorities in Moscow see this as an unfriendly event (developments with Talinn have also come into the picture) and any official international governmental participation is strongly discouraged. I would therefore advice against any official UN presence.



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29/04/2007 12:40 PM

To Chris de Bono/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Dana  
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Sanghwa Lee/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Wai Tak  
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Subject For advice please -- invitation fro the International Fed. of  
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June

Dear colleagues,

The Secretary-General is invited to attend the World Congress of the International Fed. of Journalists taking place in Moscow

on 28 May to 1 June. Please see the attached.  
Topic is "Making News for Democracy".

Any comments/advice please?



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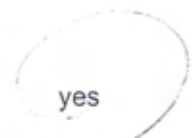




Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO  
14/05/2007 11:34 AM

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cc Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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DPI advises not to accept.  
May we go ahead and regret?

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