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Dear Mr. Nambiar,

As you know, UNITAR is organizing the Fifth Seminar for Current Special and Personal Representatives and Envoys of the UN Secretary-General in association with the UN System Staff College. The seminar is planned for late October or early November this year in Switzerland. We look forward to the Secretary-General's confirmation of the exact dates.

We have very much appreciated the active contribution of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the development of previous programmes.

Based on some initial discussions, we have drafted a number of ideas for possible sessions for the 2008 SRSG Seminar. We would very much welcome your feedback on what would be most useful as well as your recommendations for speakers and any other suggested topics.

My assistant will be contacting your office shortly to arrange a convenient time where we may speak by telephone so that I may receive your ideas and suggestions for the seminar programme.

Yours sincerely,

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POSSIBLE SESSIONS FOR THE 2008 SRSG SEMINAR

Below are some possible topics/chairs/speakers for the 2008 SRSG Seminar for your consideration; please comment on which of these are of most interest to your department and provide alternative/additional ideas. Please note that only 10 sessions will be able to be retained in the final programme.

OPERATIONALIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: IMPLICATIONS FOR UN FIELD MISSIONS (*Chair:* Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, John Holmes; *Presentations:* former Co-chair of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, Gareth Evans; Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Radhika Coomaraswamy; Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Francis Deng)

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: THE ROLE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND RESOLUTION 1325 (*Chair:* Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Cote d'Ivoire and Director, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior, Pierre Schori; *Presentation:* new High Commissioner for Human Rights; Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Liberia, Ellen Margrethe Løj)

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CONFLICT PREVENTION (*Chair:* Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Political Affairs, Lynn Pascoe; *Presentations:* Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on matters relating to the prevention and resolution of conflict, Jan Egeland; Representative from the DPA Mediation Support Unit or the new Standby Mediation Support Team)

DEEPENING REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH UN REGIONAL OFFICES (*Chair:* Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah (former head of UNOWA); *Presentations:* Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the Office of the Special Representative for West Africa, Said Djinnit; Special Representative and Head of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia, Miroslav Jenča)

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF SECURITY SECTOR REFORM AND STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW (*Chair:* new Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; *Presentations:* UN Police Adviser, Andrew Hughes; SRSGS from missions where these are an issue)

CONSOLIDATING PEACE THROUGH REINTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT CREATION (*Chair:* Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, Ad Melkert; *Presentations:* new Assistant-Secretary-General of the Peace-building Support Office; High Commissioner for Refugees, António Guterres; SRSG from a mission where this is an issue)

DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT IN UN PEACE OPERATIONS (*Chair:* Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, Susana Malcorra; *Presentations:* UN Military Adviser, Major General Per Arne Five; SRSG from a mission where this is an issue)

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL DIALOGUE ON OPTIMIZING COOPERATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS (*Chair:* Executive Director of UNITAR, Carlos Lopes; *Panel:* Under-Secretaries-General for the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Department of Field Support and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

DIALOGUE WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (*Chair:* Chef de Cabinet, Vijay Nambiar; *Presentation:* The Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon)