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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of October 25th and the time we spent together in Dubai in November. It is always delightful to see you.

In formal response to your letter, I would be honoured to continue my work in promoting the UN Millennium Development Goals. In particular, as I mentioned in our meeting, I have begun the process of significantly expanding Tikiyet Umm Ali in my native Jordan so that we Jordanians can bring an end to the hunger that afflicts the poorest families in our society.

Once my new baby is born I hope to return to visiting United Nations projects in the field, especially those of WFP, FAO and IFAD, dedicated to building food production and reducing hunger. At the same time I will continue publishing editorials in newspapers that highlight how critical it is that we rededicate ourselves to achieving the MDGs. In the last few years we have published editorials on food issues and development, always promoting the MDGs, in a wide range of media outlets -- the London Times, the Huffington Post, Le Figaro, and the South China Morning Post, to mention just a few among dozens. As UNDP and other UN entities develop new activities to raise the profile of the MDGs, such as the Stand Up Campaign, I would be delighted to support them as I have in the past.

One activity I plan this coming year is to participate in the World Food Prize ceremony, in Des Moines, Iowa from October 17-19. The World Food Prize has evolved into a Nobel Prize for food and the most recent recipients were former Presidents Lula of Brazil and Kufuor of Ghana, who were honored for their achievements in reducing hunger in their respective countries. You were kind enough to send them a congratulatory message. I am confident that your attendance would send a clear signal that the United Nations continues to put the highest priority on eradicating hunger and malnutrition and dealing effectively with the continuing crisis for the poor caused by historically high food prices. In the event that you are able to attend, I will arrange a formal invitation.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family the most joyous of holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Haya

HRH Princess Haya Al Hussein

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