



**For DPA's Advice: Warsaw Dialogue for Democracy_23-25 October 2014
Warsaw**

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Dear DPA Team,

I refer to the above mentioned invitation (attached for ease of reference). EOSG is requesting DPA's advice on this invitation, namely whether:

- (1) This event merits the participation of the Secretary-General or another Senior Official should attend on his behalf.
- (2) If a representation is recommended, grateful to receive advice as to the name/title and confirmed availability of the UN Senior Official who should be designated to attend this event on behalf of the Secretary-General
- (3) Whether it would be necessary for the SG to send a written message to this event.

Most grateful to receive the above from DPA's by Friday, 25 April 2014.

Many thanks in advance,
Alex



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*second invitation
same request*

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To AAP

ACTION

JA

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RA (email)

Pls. check if this request warrants SA participation or if a videomessage like last year would do?

Thank you, JA

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cc: CWT, RM, JP

Sec. Secretary-General,

Warsaw, 27th March 2014

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Please allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your support for last year's edition of the Warsaw Dialogue for Democracy, entitled "Online and Offline. From virtual reality to real democracy". Your video address, broadcast during the official opening of the conference, encouraged participants from all over the world to actively engage in the debate. I count on your continued support and would thus like to kindly invite you as the guest of honour to the third edition of the Warsaw Dialogue for Democracy, which will take place on 23-25 October, 2014.

Drawing on the Polish experience – which demonstrates that it is often civil society that paves the way to democratic change – I have decided that this year's discussions will focus on the shrinking civil society space and ways to reverse this worrying trend. This year's event will host even more participants from a growing group of countries (European Eastern Neighbourhood, Middle East and North Africa, Latin America and South-East Asia). Regional workshops will complement the thematic debates.

Since this year Poland celebrates the most important anniversaries in its contemporary history, including the Round Table talks of 1989 and the beginning of the peaceful transition of power, the conference will be supplemented by a related side-event. I am attaching the draft programme of the conference, as well as a summary of last years' discussion in the form of recommendations.

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Bearing in mind your special involvement in democracy promotion, your presence at the Warsaw Dialogue for Democracy would be highly appreciated. I hope that your schedule will enable you to attend the conference and I look forward to seeing you in Poland.

Yours faithfully,

H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

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