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27 September 2007

Dear Mr. Mong'are,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 August 2007, inviting the Secretary-General as a keynote speaker at the Delaware Kenyan Association's 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Dinning for a cause" event, on 17 November 2007 at the University of Delaware in Newark.

On the Secretary-General's behalf, I thank you for your kind invitation. However, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend, owing to prior commitments. Let me take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

With thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Yeocheol Yoon  
Special Assistant  
Chief, Scheduling Office

Mr. Erastus Mong'are  
Committee Co-chair  
Delaware Kenya Association  
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## 4th Annual "Dining For A Cause"

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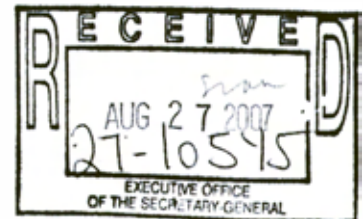
Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
 Secretary-General  
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Dear Secretary Ki-moon:

A group of internationally engaged Kenyan citizens of Delaware and friends of Kenya is organizing the Delaware Kenya Association's 4th annual "Dining for a Cause" event on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Clayton Hall, University of Delaware in Newark, DE starting at 6p.m. We would be honored to have you as the keynote speaker at this exciting event.

Our goal for the 2007 "Dining for a Cause" event this year will be to raise \$40,000 to transform a donated home into a model Youth Entrepreneurship Center in Kenya which will provide opportunities to children from impoverished communities to learn entrepreneurship skills and eventually start small businesses. The Delaware Kenya Association was founded in May 2001 by a group of Kenyans living in Delaware to contribute in development projects in Kenya and also offer support for its members locally. Our mission is to "unify progressive minded Kenyans and their friends, with shared values, goals and aspirations as we seek to enhance the quality of life and promote the spirit of "harambee" (pulling together). The event will draw over 300 people from Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

This year's theme, 'Bringig the children home' is inspired by the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and in particular, eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. The event is an opportunity for community members, local activists, students, community leaders along with spiritual leaders to accept the challenge and become the solution for the poverty crisis in many African villages. In your keynote, we hope that you can speak on your experience and lessons learned in international work, development challenges and successes, and what Africans in



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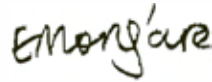


general and Kenyans in particular in partnership with other can do to contribute towards positive development and impact villages positively in the process.

Because of the limited time to the event, we are asking that you kindly get back to us with your response on or before September 14th, 2007. I can be reached at 302-299-7045 (day), by email, [emongare@delka.org](mailto:emongare@delka.org), or 1222 Wharton Drive, Newark, DE 19711 to discuss this invitation further if needed.

We are proud to be part of a movement to promote African awareness and activism that will benefit our community, state, nation and especially the African continent and further the cause of a better African understanding and actions towards meaningful projects. We hope you will be able to accept our invitation to speak, and to join us in this effort.

Sincerely,



Erastus Mong'are  
Committee Co-Chair