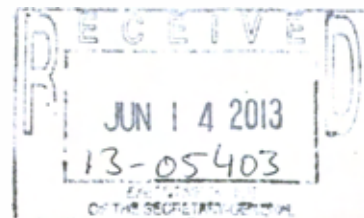


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Note to Ms. Malcorra

**UN REPRESENTATION AT THE THIRTY FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF CARICOM**

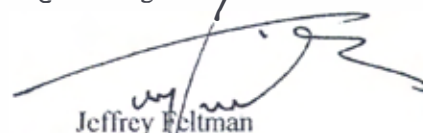
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1. The Thirty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM will be held on 4-6 July in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. A letter of invitation was sent to the Secretary-General by the Secretary-General of CARICOM, Mr. Irwin LaRocque, to attend the opening ceremony which will take place on 3 July 2013 (see attached).

2. After I was informed by the Secretary-General that he will be unable to attend, and following his instructions to secure appropriate UN representation, DPA contacted Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Ms. Bárcena, who had received a separate invitation to attend the event, confirmed that she would be available and pleased to represent the Secretary-General on this occasion.

3. DPA further contacted the CARICOM Secretariat. We were informed by CARICOM's Assistant Secretary-General for Foreign and Community Relations, Ambassador Colin Granderson, that the Secretary-General's unavailability would be fully understood. He further stated that the Heads of Government would greatly appreciate receiving a message from the Secretary-General as it has been customary in recent years.

4. In view of the above-mentioned considerations, we would like to recommend that Ms. Bárcena represents the Secretary-General and delivers a message to the Conference of the Heads of Government of CARICOM on his behalf. Should you concur with this recommendation, we are attaching a draft reply letter to the Secretary-General of CARICOM, as well as a draft message of the Secretary-General.

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5. Finally, on a related matter, in a note to the Secretary-General dated 3 June, I requested his participation in the opening session of the Seventh UN-CARICOM General Meeting. This meeting will take place at UNIIQ on 22 July, organized by DPA. While the meeting is designed to be a forum of discussion between the two Secretariats, we expect the Permanent Representatives of CARICOM Member States to attend the opening session. I would like to highlight that this would be a good opportunity for the Secretary-General to personally express his congratulations on the fortieth anniversary of CARICOM and interact with senior officials from the regional organization.


Jeffrey Feltman
13 June 2013

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**MESSAGE TO THE 34th MEETING
OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 4 July 2013**

It is a great honour to convey my greetings to the leaders of CARICOM.

This year, CARICOM has much to celebrate with pride. The Fortieth Anniversary of the Community is a testimony of the great strides the Caribbean has made in working for a better future for its people.

Four decades ago, the founders of CARICOM got together with a clear vision of the power of integration. They set out to advance toward a common goal: the well being of their people.

CARICOM countries have been an example to the world of the importance of democratic values and the strength that comes from a united voice. CARICOM is an example of resilience in the face of external shocks, such as those brought about by natural disasters and the global financial crisis.

The Caribbean is a celebration of cultural richness and diversity. We have seen Caribbean **nationals** excel in areas as diverse as arts, science and sports, bringing back home Nobel prizes and Olympic medals.

At the United Nations, we are grateful for the leadership the Caribbean has shown in key areas such as climate change, the particular challenges of Small Island Developing States, the Millennium Development Goals and the importance of treating and preventing non-communicable diseases. CARICOM countries also played an important role in the negotiations of a meaningful Arms Trade Treaty, and its Member States have pledged the quick ratification of this important instrument.

I am grateful for CARICOM's key role as an advocate for Haiti. I was pleased that, for the first time since joining the organization in 2002, Haiti held the Chairmanship of CARICOM with great success during the first half of 2013.

While thanking CARICOM for its contributions, I also count on the region's leadership to continue addressing the many challenges that we face today.

Less than 1,000 days remain before the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals. As we make a last big push, and as we define the contours of a post-2015 development agenda, I am certain that CARICOM will continue supporting these efforts. This process represents a unique opportunity to make a difference for the generations to come, to build a world around the needs of people and our planet.

The election of a distinguished Caribbean diplomat, Ambassador Dr. John W. Ashe, as the President of the 68th General Assembly of the United Nations is a recognition of the leadership that the region has to offer in global affairs.

The United Nations will continue to be your partner in addressing the challenges that have a particular impact on the region. I am pleased to confirm the holding of the Seventh UN-CARICOM General Meeting that will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on ~~22-23~~ July. This will be an opportunity to enhance cooperation between the CARICOM Secretariat and associated institutions and the United Nations system.

More broadly, I look forward to continue working with you, the leaders of CARICOM, towards the full realization of security, development and human rights for your people.

Allow me to congratulate you once more on this momentous celebration of the creation of CARICOM. I wish you a successful meeting and many more milestones in the regional integration efforts to come.

xx June 2013

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 7 June inviting me to attend the opening ceremony of the upcoming Thirty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 4 to 6 July.

I am honoured by this invitation, particularly as the meeting will mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the Caribbean Community. It is therefore with **regret** that I must inform you that previously acquired commitments will prevent me from participating in this important meeting. However, I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will represent me on this significant occasion and deliver a message on my behalf.

I should be grateful if you could transmit to the Heads of Government my best wishes for a successful meeting and my warmest congratulations on reaching this important milestone for CARICOM. May there be many more milestones in the Caribbean integration process.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Irwin LaRocque
Secretary-General
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Irwin LaRocque, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Noel Sinclair
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7 June 2013

H. E. Mr. Ban Ki Moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
Office of the Secretary-General
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New York
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Secretary-General

I have the honour to advise that the Thirty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will be held from 4-6 July 2013 in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago under the Chairmanship of Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. This Meeting will be of particular significance, as it will be taking place on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Community. Adding to the importance of the occasion is the fact that it will be taking place in Trinidad and Tobago, the country in which the Treaty of Chaguaramas, which established the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), was signed.

On behalf of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, it is my pleasure to extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the Opening Ceremony for the Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3 July at The Diplomatic Centre, St. Ann's commencing at 6:00 p.m. A Reception will be held immediately following the Ceremony, to which you are also cordially invited.

Please find attached, an Information Note regarding the administrative/logistical arrangements to facilitate your attendance.

I hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation and in the event of your doing so, look forward to seeing you on that occasion.

Yours sincerely

IRWIN LAROCQUE
SECRETARY-GENERAL