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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your correspondence dated 12 August 2013, inviting me to address the opening session of the Assembly of the Arctic Circle, to be held in Reykjavik from 12 to 14 October 2013.

I appreciate your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I will be unable to travel to Reykjavik to take part in the event, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on my schedule during the said dates. Given the importance of this event, I will be sending a video message, which will be made available to you closer to the date of the event. I am pleased to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

I was pleased to also receive a memorandum from your office with the reports on new perspectives on global food security collaboration among the International Renewable Energy Agency and United Nations agencies and Masdar continues to be high on all their agendas. Given the challenges and opportunities facing us in food and energy security this year, you may rest assured that this issue remains a top priority.

A similar response has been sent to Mr. Kuupik Kleist, Member of Parliament and Premier of Greenland, and Ms. Alice Rogoff, Founder of Alaska Dispatch and the Arctic Imperative Summit, who co-signed the invitation.

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


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