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Dear Mr. Badra,

Thank you for your recent letter to the Secretary-General, in which you invite him to provide a video message to address the new graduates of Deans International School.

I regret to inform you that while the Secretary-General very much appreciates your support, due to his schedule he will not be able to meet your request. Please allow me to thank you for your support of the United Nations and best wishes for a memorable graduation ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meyer".

Michael Meyer  
Director of Communications

Mr. Ahmad Badra  
Principal  
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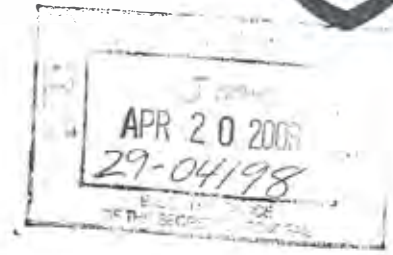
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April 18, 2009

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

It might be **unfamiliar** for a school, especially from the Middle East, to approach you with this kind of request. It is these simple things that are viewed by many as unconventional that provide a greater meaning and a broader hope for many people particularly young girls and boys who are about to venture into an unpredictable ever-changing world.

We are DEANS International School Dubai, UAE a young 3 years old school with aspiring hopes and ambitions reaching up to the highest sky. One such huge aspiration is making "peaceful living between people" liveable reality and a lifestyle. Our Students from KG1 to Grade 12 are a medley of 35 **nationalities** all woven into a big tapestry of harmony covering the whole world all of us living, learning and working together under the motto "Peaceful living among people is a common aim". We have come a long way toward the fulfilment of our goal and we started to reap what we sow.

Like all schools at the end of each academic year we hold a Graduation Ceremony for our students who are leaving us to embark on their final stage of their formal learning in universities and colleges around the world. This year we are planning to make it even more memorable for our senior students by holding the ceremony in the iconic, one of a kind hotel in the world "Burj Al Arab" on Thursday 28May, 2009. We wanted our motto "Peaceful living among people is a common aim" to be engraved in the mind of our graduating students, to be remembered even during the busiest time of their lives and never forgotten no matter how further away their time is from their school days. We realized that a message from the one person devoting his entire career for peace and carrying the responsibility of peaceful coexistence amongst different nations addressed to our young graduates would have a profound impact and a tremendous support for a mission they undertook along with their school to spread their message of peace.

Therefore, I Ahmad Badra representing the administration of Deans International School, its families and students kindly request from you to devote few minutes of your time to address our graduates during the ceremony with a pre-recorded video message done in any way you deem appropriate where your words of advice would be inspirational and motivational to lead a confident way of living.

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