



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 4 June 2009 inviting me to participate in a conference on "Peace for African Development" taking place in Lucca, Italy in July. While African peace and security issues are a priority for the United Nations, I regret that I will not be able to participate in this important event.

As you are aware, the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations, Political Affairs and Field Support are working together with the African Union to follow-up on the recommendations made in the AU-UN Panel report. The report that I intend to submit to the Security Council pursuant to PRST/2009/3 will provide further recommendations on how best to enhance the relationship between the United Nations and the African Union and an initial framework to address some of the key capacity weaknesses of the African Union, especially in the area of financial accountability. I hope the report will be another step in the direction towards greater cooperation between our two organisations on peace and security.

Allow me to also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued advocacy and assistance with respect to moving these issues forward, demonstrated once again through your facilitation of this conference.

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

Ki Moon Ban
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Romano Prodi
Former Prime Minister of Italy
Bologna

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Please find attached a letter from the Secretary-General. The original has been sent to you by mail.

Thank you.

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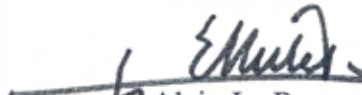
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Response to an invitation for the Secretary-General

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Please find attached a letter from the Secretary-General to the former Prime Minister of Italy, Mr. Romano Prodi, regretting his inability to attend a conference on “Peace for African Development” organised by the Kennedy Foundation and the President of the Tuscany region. The invitation from the President of the Tuscany region and the follow-up letter from Romano Prodi are attached. The conference is due to take place in Lucca, Italy in July, in the margins of the G8 summit. We understand that the Secretary-General will not be able to attend.


Alain Le Roy
15 June 2009

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Subject Letter from former Prime Minister of Italy - Romano Prodi
Participation of the Secretary-General at the Conference on
"Peace for African Development" in Lucca, Italy

Dear Ms. Berman,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Yoon.

The Secretary-General has received the attached invitation to attend the above-mentioned conference in Lucca, Italy during his official visit to Italy in June 2009.

The Secretary-General has seen the note and unfortunately will not be able to attend. Could someone from DPKO kindly draft a regret letter and include in the letter something along the lines of "with best wishes for a successful conference" and some kind of appreciation for the former Prime Minister, Romano Prodi's role in facilitating this conference.

If you need any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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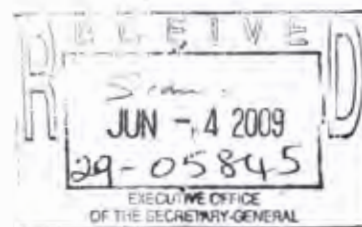
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ROMANO PRODI



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Dear Secretary General,

I hope everything is fine with you. I have been informed, by DPKO, that the UN efforts to propose a plan for implementing the recommendations of our Panel on Peace Keeping are moving forward.

Working on improving peace keeping is too important for Africa!

I understand also that you are coming soon to Italy for the G8. In this context I would ask you to examine the possibility to participate, while in Italy, to a Conference we are organizing on "Peace for African Development".

When I say we, I mean the "Foundation for World Wide Cooperation, which I chair, the Kennedy Foundation, and UNIRE, which, as you surely know, has a main office in Lucca.

The location would be therefore Lucca, and the event will take place the day for which you will give your availability. Of course, being Lucca in Tuscany, this event has been fully agreed upon with the President of the Region, Claudio Martini, who is willing to make it the focal point of the invitation he recently sent you. 29-05348

My very best regards.

Con molto interesse

Romano Prodi

Bologna, 4 June, 2009

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