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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(through Mr. Nambiar)

Invitation to address the World Press Freedom Day observance
(7 May 2009) ✓ 1-7057421

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Kiyo Akasaka
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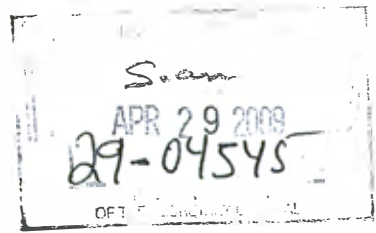
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10:15 to 10:45 A.M.
Thursday, 7 May 2009 ✓

Meeting w/
Governor
Rice at 8:15

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yo Akasaka
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Observance of World Press Freedom Day

**Thursday, 7 May 2009
10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Trusteeship Chamber**

Scenario

High-level opening segment: 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Seating arrangement

Mr. Pioli	Ambassador Lima	GA President Representative	USG/DPI	SG	Ms. Gosselin
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- 10:05 a.m. Safety Officer
- 10:07 a.m. USG/DPI welcome and introduction for Representative of GA President
- 10:13 a.m. Remarks by Representative of GA President
- <The Secretary-General arrives at around 10:10 a.m.>
- 10:18 a.m. USG/DPI introduction for the Secretary-General
- 10:19 a.m. Remarks by the Secretary-General
- 10:24 a.m. USG/DPI introduction for Ambassador Lima
- 10:25 a.m. Remarks by Ambassador Lima, Chairperson, Committee on Information
- 10:30 a.m. USG/DPI introduction for Ms. Gosselin
- 10:31 a.m. Remarks by Ms. Helene-Marie Gosselin, Director, NY Office of UNESCO
- 10:36 a.m. USG/DPI introduction for Mr. Pioli
- 10:37 a.m. Remarks by Mr. Giampaolo Pioli, President, United Nations Correspondents Association
- 10:42 a.m. USG/DPI closes the high-level opening segment