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Note to Mr. Tharoor

**Request to open an exhibit marking the 13th anniversary
of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda**

Further to your note to the Secretary-General of 12 March 2007, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has agreed to address the opening of the exhibit marking the 13th anniversary of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, to be held on 9 April 2007 at the Visitors' Lobby.

The Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General will be in contact with the Outreach Division of DPI to discuss the details of his participation.

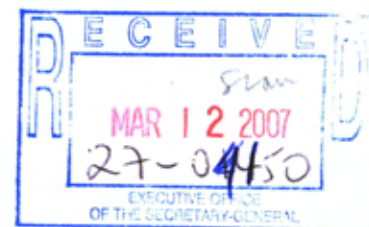
Thank you.


Vijay Nambiar
16 March 2007

cc: Ms. Annika Savill



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**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(Through Mr. Nambiar)**

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On 23 December 2005, the General Assembly adopted resolution 60/225 on assistance to the survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. The resolution requests the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach entitled "The Rwanda Genocide and the United Nations" aimed at promoting remembrance of the events that occurred in Rwanda, with the goal of raising awareness of the need to prevent genocide. The responsibility for this programme has been entrusted to DPI.

To mark the 13th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide, the Department is mounting an exhibit entitled "Lessons from the Rwanda Genocide" on 9 April 2007 in the Visitors' Lobby. The exhibit, jointly sponsored by DPI and the Aegis Trust (UK), highlights the role of States in preventing genocide, educates the viewer to its warning signs and draws attention to the needs of the survivors of sexual violence. The exhibit is also scheduled to travel to Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania.

DPI will take the opportunity of this event to launch a new website, "Rwanda, Genocide and the United Nations". The site is designed to serve as a resource on genocide and its prevention, for students, journalists and civil society partners.

We would be honoured if you would agree to say a few words to mark the anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda and formally open the exhibit. The opening will take place from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on 9 April 2007 in the South Gallery of the Visitors' Lobby. Your remarks would be preceded by statements by the exhibit's sponsors, from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. A representative of the Permanent Mission of Rwanda is also expected to speak.

Thank you.

Shashi Tharoor
12 March 2007



Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO

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To Andrew J. Gilmour/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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Subject Re: For DPA's Advice please - invitation to the exhibit of the
13 anniversary of the Rwanda genocide at UNHQ on 9 April



SG has already agreed to attend the event.
He is expected to deliver his "few words" and open the exhibit.
Scenario and speech needed.

Andrew J. Gilmour/NY/UNO

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I believe the UN has a lot to apologise for in Rwanda.

So if the SG is in town, he should certainly say a few words at the anniversary of the darkest chapter in the
entire UN's history.

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Kaori Minami/NY/UNO



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To Ljiljana Setka/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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May we seek DPA's views on this invitation?

DPI invited the SG to open the exhibit of the 13 anniversary of the Rwanda genocide at UNHQ on 9 April :
5 - 7 p.m.

The invitation is attached below.

Any comments please? Should the SG accept?

Thank you.

Kaori

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