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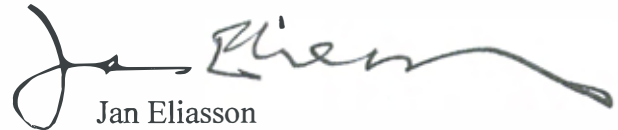
20 January 2014


Dear Mr. Fedotov,

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2013 inviting me to address the opening session of the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which will take place on 13 March 2014 in Vienna.

I am honoured to accept your kind invitation. In the meantime, Ms. Elizabeth Rolando (rolando@un.org) of my office, will be the focal point for discussing further details relating to this event.


Yours sincerely,


Jan Eliasson

Mr. Yury Fedotov
Executive Director
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Vienna

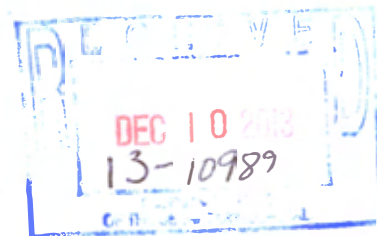
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Yury Fedotov
Executive Director

9 December 2013

Dear Mr. Eliasson,

I would like to refer to our recent discussions and the interest you have expressed in attending the *high-level review* by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the *implementation by Member States of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem*, which will be held in Vienna from 13 to 14 March 2014 during the fifty-seventh session of the CND.

It will be a pleasure to have you addressing the opening session of the high-level review on Thursday morning 13 March 2014.

I recall that Member States very much appreciated your participation in the special event of the fifty-sixth session of the CND, devoted to the commemoration of the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, held in June, and the Commission would be honoured by your presence during the ministerial level segment of its fifty-seventh session in March 2014.

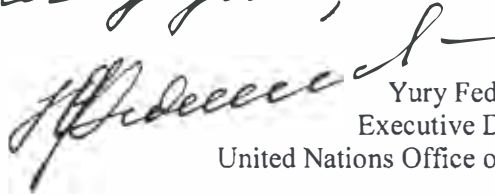
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Mr. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York

I furthermore wish to use this opportunity to inform you that the Commission has completed a first reading of the draft text. Negotiations have been based on the many inputs received from a large number of Member States (both members and non-members of the Commission) and written contributions from a broad range of stakeholders, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The negotiations have so far been conducted through a series of intersessional meetings, during which representatives of non-governmental organizations were also present. Challenging and controversial issues are being discussed, demonstrating the open, transparent and forward looking character of the ongoing debate.

I look forward to continuing our discussions on this important matter and to receiving a confirmation of your participation in the 2014 CND High Level Review Meeting.

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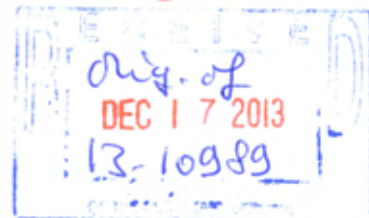
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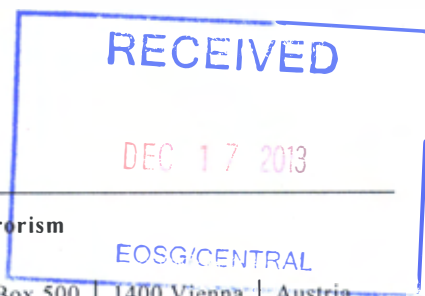
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