



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

21 December 2015

Dear Lord Mark,

Thank you for your letter of 8 December 2015 inviting me to deliver the keynote address at the Ceremony of the seventeenth annual session of the London International Model United Nations Foundation, which will take place on 26 February 2016 at Central Hall Westminster in London.

I am honoured by your invitation and would very much have liked to attend. Model United Nations is an important tool for educating future leaders and increase their understanding of the United Nations as well as the importance of diplomacy in today's world. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to participate due to prior commitments on that day. If you would find it useful, I would be happy to send a video message to the participants.

Thank you for your leadership of this important initiative. I wish you every success with the annual session. I am sure that it will be an inspiring occasion.

With warm regards,
Yours sincerely,


Jan Eliasson

The Right Honourable
Lord Mark Malloch-Brown
Honorary President
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8 December 2015

Dear Jan,

We are writing on behalf of the London International Model United Nations Foundation, a student-led charity that aims to promote cultural empathy and knowledge of international affairs among young people through the medium of Model United Nations. By equipping youth with analytical, mediation and leadership skills, while stressing cosmopolitan values and the interdependence of the modern world, we hope to foster future world leaders who will face global challenges with a spirit of international cooperation.

Our most successful programme is our annual flagship conference, the London International Model United Nations, the largest such event in Europe with nearly 2000 bright university students attending from all corners of the world. Our next edition from February 26 to 28 2016, the 17th annual session, will see participants assume the mantles of national ambassadors to the United Nations, simulating various organs, committees and specialised agencies, while seeking to resolve outstanding issues on the international agenda.

The first day, held in the symbolic Central Hall Westminster where the United Nations General Assembly first met, traditionally revolves around the Opening Ceremony during which we welcome participants and celebrate the commencement of a new conference edition. At this event we welcome eminent personalities engaged with the United Nations and entertain a keynote speech followed by a panel discussion. Our theme for the 2016 Ceremony will be entitled either '1 for 7 billion: Electing the next UN Secretary-General' or 'The Responsibility to Protect Ten Years On: Merits, Shortcomings and Next Steps'. The former would focus on the widespread calls to make the selection of the Secretary-General more transparent, competitive and rule-bound, while the latter would serve to evaluate the contribution of RtoP to humanitarian efforts around the globe, now over a decade since adoption at the 2005 World Summit.

✓ Given your extraordinary career in government and international affairs, particularly as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, you would deeply honour the organisers and participants of our conference by accepting our invitation to deliver the keynote address. The Ceremony will take place from 13:30 to 15:00 on Friday February 26 2016 at Central Hall Westminster, opposite the Houses of Parliament. If you were to kindly accept we could naturally arrange for your travel and your accommodation.

For any further information about the LIMUN Foundation, our work and the conference event in particular, we are at your disposal. Please contact us through dtenhove@limun.org.uk.

We much look forward to hearing from you and wish you well in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Malloch-Brown

The Rt Hon. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown
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Dear Aida Njanja Fassu,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing on behalf of the London International Model United Nations Foundation, a London-based charity that organises the largest Model United Nations conference in Europe, to kindly ask whether the Deputy Secretary-General would do us the honour of delivering the keynote address at our Opening Ceremony on 26 February 2016.

Hereby enclosed is a full invitation letter with information about our Foundation and the conference event. Please note it is co-issued by our Honorary President, former Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch Brown.

We fully understand that the demands on Jan Eliasson's time, as well as the intense nature of the affairs he must attend to, are quite inconceivable. Nonetheless an appearance and address from him would leave a marked impression on the roughly 1500 bright young university students who will attend the conference from all over the world. We would therefore be thrilled by his attendance.

I thank you in advance for your help and look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Dali ten Hove

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