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Excellency,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 20 November 2006 from you, Professor François Gros and Professor Federico Mayor, inviting him to be the honoured guest and keynote speaker at the opening session of BioVision's World Life Sciences Forum to be held from 11 to 14 March 2007 in Lyon.

The Secretary-General is grateful for your kind invitation to take part in the forum and for your support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. However, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to accept due to prior commitments.

Let me take this opportunity to convey to you his best wishes for a successful forum.

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

Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

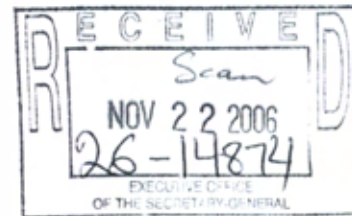
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Mr. Raymond Barre  
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THE WORLD  
LIFE SCIENCES FORUM



Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General-designate  
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November 20, 2006

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the International Organizing Committee of BioVision, the World Life Sciences Forum, we would like to invite you to be our honoured Guest and Keynote Speaker in the Opening Session of the forthcoming World Life Sciences Forum which will take place in Lyon from March 11 to 14<sup>th</sup> 2007. In 2007 the main theme of BioVision will be: **"The contribution of Life Sciences to the Millennium Development Goals"**.

Your presence at this important forum would do much to link the goals of the United Nations to a structure dedicated to realising those goals and more. BioVision is taking a leadership role in stimulating the contribution of Life Sciences to the compelling issues of our time.

We are enclosing a series of documents describing the BioVision concept and the 2007 event. As you will see from these documents, BioVision's International Steering Committee and International Scientific Committee, include most major International Institutions along with prominent Nobel Prize laureates and experts from the field of Life Sciences. To achieve this action oriented agenda, BioVision introduces a new architecture. The Nobel Laureate Day will introduce and elaborate the theme. Two-thirds of the Forum sessions will be dedicated to addressing the Millennium Development Goals and one-third to the frontier developments in Life Sciences. Nine pre-conferences in 2006 will initiate discussion and prepare the ground for BioVision.

To support the necessary transition from Vision to Action, an independent, international foundation, The World Life Sciences Foundation has been established in Geneva. The World Life Sciences Foundation will fund and monitor projects based upon the recommendations and commitments of the BioVision Forum and the pre-conferences, targeted at a number of the Millennium Development Goals.


Your keynote address at the opening Plenary Session would provide the Forum's highly influential speakers and participants with a rich and thoughtful ending to the results-orientated dialogue we expect the Forum to produce. BioVision is becoming the operational platform for launching real actions in the context of the Millennium objectives, and your presence and support to it will reinforce the message toward the three communities: sciences, society, and industry.

We would be delighted and honoured by your participation and very much hope that we will be able to convey your affirmative response to our International Organizing Committee.

Respectfully Yours,

  
Mr. Raymond Barre  
Former Prime Minister  
Co-President, BioVision

  
Prof. François Gros  
Honorary Permanent Secretary, Académie des Sciences  
President, International Scientific Committee

  
Prof. Federico Mayor  
Former Director General, UNESCO  
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That is exactly the way I felt.  
Let us regret and see whether they want something instead.

Annika Savill/NY/UNO



Annika Savill /NY/UNO  
25/01/2007 03:35

To Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
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No need to go our of our way to offer a message. Why not just decline his participation without offering one, and see what happens.

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Let's go for a message instead. But is it really necessary at all? (Maybe I am too ignorant of the subject.)

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Kaori,

I consulted with DESA Division for Sustainable Development. They did not think the SG should participate in the event . A number of high level UN participants are listed in the programme, including

Margaret Chan of WHO and Anne Veneman of UNICEF. Amir Dossal, Jeffrey Sacks and Margaret Catley-Carlson (she is on the SGs Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation) are also on the programme so the UN seems to be already well represented. A message from the Secretary-General; will suffice.

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Dear colleagues,

The Secretary-General is invited to be the keynote speaker at the World Life Sciences Forum of Bio Vision, to be held on 11-14 March 2007 in Lyon. The theme of the forum is "the Contribution of Life Sciences to the MDGs."

It would be very much appreciated if we could receive advice on this invitation. It seems unlikely that the SG would be able to travel to Lyon at that time. Should a message be sent?

Thank you for your attention.

Kaori Minami  
Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General  
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