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18 March 2011

Dear Ms. Devi,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 4 March 2011, inviting the Secretary-General to attend a conversation on Female Empowerment, to take place on 24 March 2011 in New York.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. However, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend the event as he will be travelling on the said date. Nonetheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vijay Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Ms. Priti Devi
Vice President
Freedom to Create
Singapore



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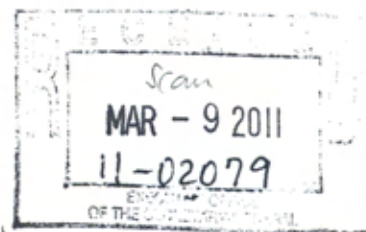
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Secretary-General & Mrs. Ban Ki-moon
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4 March 2011

Dear Secretary-General & Mrs. Ban,

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Freedom to Create (FTC) was established in 2006, to harness the power of arts and culture to build more creative and prosperous societies. We focus on places where we can have the largest impact on intolerance and conflict. Freedom to Create seeks to foster creativity by planting the seeds of a creative environment for everyone, everywhere.

Freedom to Create focuses on regions of the world where there is the greatest need to change mindsets and build capacity to fight the intolerance and conflict that prevents creativity from flourishing. In the developed world, we take our creative freedom for granted. But in many societies, political repression, intolerance, ignorance and religious extremism inhibit creative expression, especially for women.

The Freedom to Create Forum is a platform for dialogue between global change-makers, to identify creative solutions and opportunities that create inclusive prosperity and empower people from the Critical Mass, especially women.

It gives us great pleasure to request you to 'Save the Date' on 24 March 2011 to attend a conversation on Female Empowerment between: Ms. Mary Ellen Iskendrian, CEO of Women's World Banking, Mrs. Francine Le Frak, President of Whole Picture LeFrak Productions and Founder of SAME SKY and Ms. Lauren Bush, CEO and Co-Founder of FEED Projects. The discussion will consider the following:

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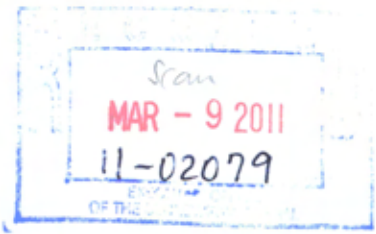
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As a global commitment to the dignity and potential of every human being, every nation should adopt effective measures to ensure the development of inclusive opportunities that have the potential to unleash transformational change for the Critical Mass, especially women, allowing them to take control of their own destiny.'

The session will be held at 11am at the Ana Tzarev Gallery, 24 West 57 Street, New York and will be followed by lunch. A formal invitation will follow.

We look forward to welcoming you on 24 March.

Yours sincerely,

Priti Devi
Vice President
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17/03/2011 at 5:42:35 PM - Track note by Mudiwa Mapuranga: SL drafted regrets, seen by YYC, to VN for signature.

17/03/2011 at 6:05:10 PM - Track note by Sophia Williams: to Asim for review + VN's signature on letter (tomorrow)

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