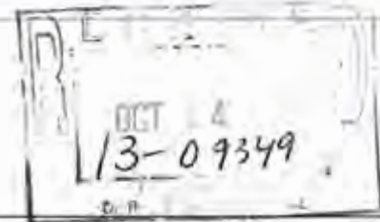




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H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations
United Nations Plaza
777 44th Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Deputy Secretary General,

I am writing as follow up to Ambassador Vanu Menon's conversation with you in Singapore last April. At the time you kindly offered to conduct a briefing for Network 20/20 members in New York sometime this fall or early in 2014. When we contacted your office in June we were advised to follow up after September.

We are hoping you will speak on the topic "UN General Assembly Recap: from Today to the Post-2015 Development Agenda." Although I have been a long-time member of the Council on Foreign Relations, I was unable to attend your briefing there on this topic yesterday.

Our briefings are held week nights from 6:30-8:30 pm in midtown Manhattan. There will be a short reception for the first half hour followed by your presentation from 7 to 7:30 and Q and A for a half an hour after that. Finally, ~~there will be a reception from 8 to 8:30 following your presentation. Possible~~ dates this fall are December 9, 10, or 12 if any of them suit your busy schedule. Alternatively, early next year the following dates are available: February 3, 4, or 6 and March 10, 11, or 13.

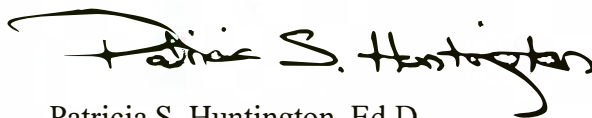
As a speaker, you would join previous dignitaries including: philanthropist, George Soros; former Special Advisor and Counsel to President Kennedy, Ted Sorensen; President, World Bank, James D. Wolfensohn; Former President of Chile Michelle Bachelet, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; U.S. Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Ambassador Richard Holbrooke; Ambassador Frank Wisner; Senator Tom Daschle; Former Chairman of the Board of Citigroup and Chairman of the Board and CEO of Time Warner Vice Chairman, Richard D. Parsons; Goldman Sachs International, Robert Hormats; journalists Roger Cohen and Fareed Zakaria, and many others.

In addition to our Lecture Series, and with support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Carnegie Corporation, the Flora Family Foundation, and the Ploughshares Fund, we send Network 20/20 delegations overseas to engage with their counterparts in countries of global security concern. Network 20/20's reports on recent field-research in Iran, Pakistan, Turkey, and Poland have gained attention among U.S. public and private policy makers.

We are attaching as background material a short profile of Network 20/20 and the List of Network 20/20's Members and Affiliations.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia S. Huntington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "H".

Patricia S. Huntington, Ed.D
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Network 20/20 Profile

History - Founded in 2004, by a group of multi-generational leaders who set out to engage in entrepreneurial diplomacy and create new voices in foreign policy. They recognized that national security depends on understanding on-the-ground realities in other countries, rather than on ideology alone.

Mission - Forging emerging leadership for a more stable and peaceful world. Network 20/20 helps prepare multi-generational leaders in the U.S. – including foreign nationals living and working here – to participate meaningfully in the promotion of entrepreneurial diplomacy and global security, sustainability, and cross-border problem-solving.

Who We Are - Educational organization that mobilizes a network of private-sector leaders living and working in the U.S. to build bridges with their counterparts overseas to develop viable solutions for global security concerns. Network 20/20 members are a talented, diverse, and multilingual group; they come from business, the professions, the media, NGOs, think tanks, government, and academia; two-thirds have advanced degrees. What draws them together is that they are all “thinking.” motivated individuals who are volunteering significant time and energy in furthering America’s positive engagement with the world. They are emerging and current leaders from all sectors of society.

What we have Achieved to Date - With a growing network of Network 20/20 counterparts in Turkey, Poland, Iran, and Pakistan, Network 20/20’s reputation for grass roots connections in countries of geopolitical importance has grown speedily. Network 20/20 has established a critical mass of dynamic multi-generation leaders who will impact global affairs over the coming decades. As a result of these unique linkages overseas, Network 20/20 has been able to interview leaders from different sectors of society, summarize their views for U.S. policy-makers, and become a valuable purveyor of information not available through official channels.

Status - Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in New York City, founded in 2004. Small, with annual revenue of \$350,000-450,000 and 3 employees in addition to consultants and interns.

Finances - Diverse revenue sources including membership dues, foundation grants, corporations, and donations from individuals.

Key Strategic Focus - Generating the new energy and talent needed to confront unprecedented global and transnational security concerns, and promote a sustainable, interdependent world. Building bridges with counterparts in Muslim majority countries. Promoting open societies, respect for the rule of law, sustainable development, cooperation among various sectors of society, and resource sharing.

Core Competency - Networking among young and established professionals with the potential to build consensus on significant ideas and global issues and, because of the size and heterogeneity of our membership, gain significant leverage. We are educating the future leaders of America on the critical foreign affairs issues of the day.

Value Added - Network 20/20 produces reports on field research in countries of global security importance, entailing interviews with 50-60 leaders of all sectors of society throughout the particular country, which produces a picture of the views of its citizens not available to U.S. policy-makers through official channels. These reports are complemented by bi-weekly briefings by foreign affairs experts on the most pressing global issues. We are internationally recognized for gaining unique access to and listening to local leaders overseas and reporting their views back to public and private policy-makers in the U.S.

Future Objectives - Expand network of counterparts overseas using IT as well as person to person visits; serve as a clearing house of information for multi-generation leaders worldwide who are dedicated to working collaboratively and devoting their energy and talent to global peace and security concerns. Increase financial resources and staff development. Expand geographic focus to Asia and Latin America.