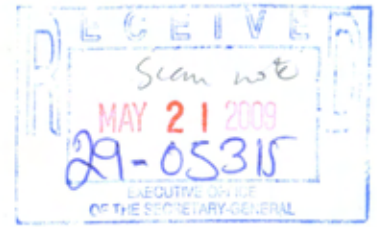


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**Note to the Deputy Secretary-General**

**Letter to H.E. Mr. Raymond O. Wolfe, Ambassador to the Permanent Mission of  
Jamaica to the United Nations.**

Please find attached for your signature a draft response to Ambassador Wolfe's letter to the Secretary-General dated 18 May 2009.

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Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 18 May 2009 to the Secretary-General requesting to waive the costs associated with the "Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade," held in the ECOSOC Chamber on 20 May 2009.

Let me assure you that we have carefully reviewed the costs associated with this event. The funding for some services provided by our external contractors is not included in our operating budgets, and hence we have no other option but to pass these costs to the event organizers. In this respect, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to waive all costs.

The Department of Management will be in touch with the event organizer in the Permanent Mission for costs related to audio and video services that were provided by an external contractor.

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

Asha-Rose Migiro  
Deputy Secretary-General

His Excellency  
Mr. Raymond O. Wolfe  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
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