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I appreciate your understanding and send my best wishes for a most successful event.

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Asha-Rose Migiro

His Excellency  
Mr. Gerhard Pfanzelter  
Permanent Representative of Austria  
to the United Nations  
New York

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Asha-Rose Migiro', is positioned above the printed name.

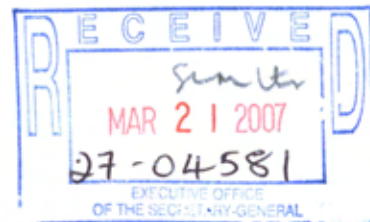
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*The Permanent Representative  
of Austria to the United Nations*

New York, 15 March 2007

*Dear Mrs. Deputy Secretary-General,*

At the 59th General Assembly Austria launched an initiative on "The role of the Security Council in strengthening a rules-based international system". Starting in November 2004 the Austrian Mission, in cooperation with the Institute for International Law and Justice at New York University School of Law, has convened a series of panel discussions on various aspects of the central theme (for further information see <http://www.iilj.org/research/UNSecurityCouncil.html>). As a result of this process, we intend to publish a report on "The Security Council and the Rule of Law" with specific recommendations how the Security Council could support the rule of law in its various fields of activity in order to strengthen an international system based on rules. The report will be prepared by our Rapporteur Mr. Simon Chesterman, Global Professor and Director of the New York University School of Law Singapore Programme.

In order to discuss informally the draft report and to provide strategic guidance we intend to organize a retreat of outstanding experts in UN affairs in the Austrian mountain village of Alpbach at the end of the summer.

I therefore have the honour to invite you personally to participate in the Alpbach Retreat, which will take place from Saturday 25 to Monday 27 August 2007 in the margins of the Political Symposium of the European Forum Alpbach. Participants of the retreat are also invited to attend the high-level opening session of the Political Symposium on Sunday 26 August, as well as an open panel discussion on the role the Security Council on Monday 27 August 2007. The meetings will be informal and all members will participate strictly in their personal capacity. Expenses for travel and accommodation will be covered by the Government of Austria.

We would kindly ask you to reserve the dates in your calendar and indicate your interest to participate by returning the attached registration form by 30 March 2007 (Fax: (212) 949-1840; Tel. (917) 542-8424 or 8425). Further information will be provided after receipt of your reply.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*With my warmest regards*  
Gerhard Pfanzelter  
(Ambassador)

Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro  
Deputy Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York

*P.S.: Alpbach ist das schönste  
Bergdorf in meiner  
Heimat Tirol*

THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE RULE OF LAW

## ALPBACH RETREAT

25 TO 27 AUGUST 2007  
ALPBACH, TYROL, AUSTRIA

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