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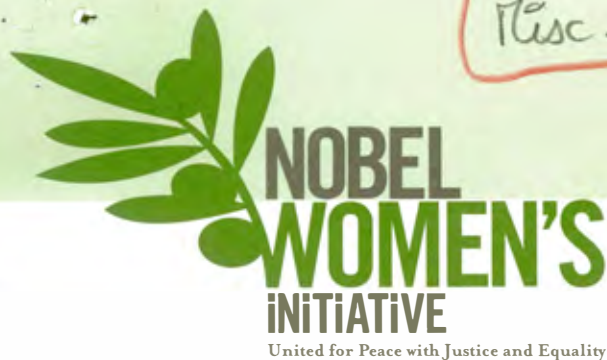
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*The SG did not meet
with this group on
11 Nov. 2008.
Joni*

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October 23, 2008



Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General, United Nations
United Nations Plaza
New York, New York

Your Excellency,

I am writing to request a meeting between yourself and a delegation of women Nobel Peace Laureates of the Nobel Women's Initiative to discuss the political and humanitarian crisis in Burma. The delegation will be in New York City on November 11, 2008 and would be available to meet at any time you could accommodate.

The delegation includes four of the seven living women Nobel Peace Laureates – Professor Jody Williams of the United States, Rigoberta Menchu Tum of Guatemala, Dr. Shirin Ebadi of Iran, and Betty Williams of Ireland – who will be in New York City accepting an award for the work the Nobel Women's Initiative. Together with Mairead Corrigan Maguire of Ireland and Professor Wangari Maathai of Kenya, the women Laureates founded the Initiative in 2006 to advance peace with justice and equality.

Conspicuously absent in the Nobel Women's Initiative is Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who remains under house arrest in Burma, and whose struggle for a free Burma remains a primary focus of our collective efforts. As you know, the political and humanitarian crises in Burma have deepened over the past year, resulting in an increase in the number of political prisoners, an increase in violence, and devastation throughout the cyclone-affected region. In the context of this deepening crisis, we are redoubling our outreach efforts to compel a more co-ordinated and robust response from the international community. We believe every effort must be made to support the opening up of Burma's political system, and the provision of life-saving aid to its people.

This meeting request comes as a follow up to a request sent by Professor Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace Laureate and Chair of the Nobel Women's Initiative. In September, Professor Williams and Professor Wangari Maathai were in New York reporting on their recent delegation to the Thai-Burma border and Sudan. While we were not able to meet with you at that time, we do hope you will be available to discuss this pressing issue with us on the occasion of our upcoming visit.

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On behalf of all the delegation participants, and the staff and supporters of the Nobel Women's Initiative, we thank you in advance for your interest and willingness to meet with us, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Liz Bernstein
Executive Director
Nobel Women's Initiative