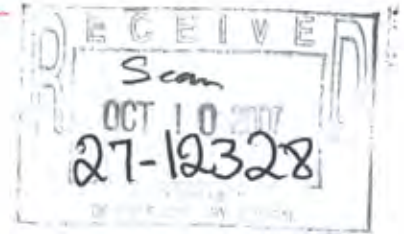




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Subject Appointment Request with His Excellency, the UN Secretary General



Dear Mr. Nambiar,

I would like to introduce myself as Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, presently the President of the Public Health Foundation of India (deputed by the Government of India from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, where I was the Head of Cardiology till a year ago). I am a friend of Ramu Damodaran and have the pleasure of knowing your daughter Devaki as well. I was personal physician to Late Shri P V Narsimha Rao, during 1991 – 96, and have known Ramu since those days. I also met you briefly in Mr. A N Verma's House.

I am writing to you in connection with a request that has been sent to the UN Secretary General's office, seeking an opportunity for an international delegation of young persons, to call on the UN Secretary General on October 24 (UN Day). This group representing an international youth health advocacy network, Youth for Health (Y4H), would like to present a charter that was prepared by 280 youth delegates from 35 countries, who participated in the first ever Global Youth Meet on Health (GYM 2006), conducted at New Delhi and Agra in November 2006. This meet, which was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, at the National Stadium in New Delhi, was organised by a youth based Indian organisation HRIDAY, in partnership with the World Health Organisation, The World Bank, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, International Union for Health Promotion and Education, UNAIDS, UNEP, GLOBALink and other partners. The charter prepared by the youth addresses several developmental policies related to health and embraces collective global youth action for promoting policies conducive to health.

7-1015/ A request for 6 members of the youth delegation accompanied by 6 representatives of the sponsors, to call on the UN Secretary General to present the charter is currently under consideration at the UN. As the founder of HRIDAY and the principal organiser of GYM 2006, I shall be grateful if an opportunity is provided to this delegation to briefly call on the Esteemed Secretary General, to present a charter, which bears the signatures of 150,000 young people from all over the world.

Please excuse me for intruding on your time and e – space in this manner, but I felt that placing this request on behalf of a highly committed and energetic global youth network for your consideration is a worthy enough cause to mitigate my offence. I believe it would be an excellent way to celebrate the UN Day when a global youth delegation calls on the UN Secretary General to affirm the commitment of the world's young people to advance the interlinked agenda of health and development.

A condensed version of the charter is appended for your perusal.

With best regards and the highest esteem

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Youth for Health Charter

Recognizing that

- Health is vital for development and is also a fundamental human right,
- Health is influenced not only by individual factors but also by several other determinants that operate at the level of the society,
- Young persons must acquire and apply knowledge related to the protection and promotion of health,
- Young persons must not only adopt personal behaviours which sustain good health over their lifespan but also advocate social policies which support those behaviours.

Young persons from 35 countries meeting at the first **Global Youth Meet on Health (GYM 2006)** at Agra in India, hereby

Resolve to

- Create a Youth For Health (Y4H) movement with the objective of promoting health advocacy for policies which can protect the present and future health of their generation,
- Strive for shaping social conditions that are conducive to the health of all sections of society,
- Connect young persons across the world with the Y4H network, to form a global alliance of young health advocates,
- Create partnerships (at national, regional and global levels) which can carry out concerted actions for promoting health friendly policies,
- Collectively campaign on common causes involving tobacco control, curbing of alcohol and drug abuse, promotion of healthy diets and regular physical activity, protection of the environment, enhancing gender equity and gender respect as means of protecting women's health, prevention of HIV infection, promotion of road safety and other major issues relevant to health.
- Contribute to making the world a safer, happier and healthier place for young people to grow up in and lead productive lives.

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