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23 July 2008

Dear Ms. Potter,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 3 April 2008, inviting him to speak as part of the 2008-2009 Speakers Series of the Initiative for Global Development, either in late 2008 or in 2009 in Los Angeles.

The Secretary-General is honoured by your invitation. Unfortunately, in view of the demands on his schedule for the months ahead, we are unable to make any commitment for the said period.

Allow me nevertheless to take this opportunity to convey the Secretary-General's best wishes of success to your institution.


Yours sincerely,

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Ms. Jennifer T. Potter
President and CEO
Initiative for Global Development
Seattle

28-03816

Georg Kell/NY/UNO
02/07/2008 10:04 AM

To: Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc: Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sanghwa
Lee/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Kaori Minami/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Nikolai Zaitsev/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Annika
bcc
Subject: Re: FOR ADVICE PLSE: IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series 

Sebastian,

This is a tricky one. It is a US based initiative with a global outlook, supported by high profile individuals associated to a large extent with the current administration.

At the same time it offers a good opportunity to reach out to a very influential constituency and to build UN alignment. But I have doubts that this will lead to major actions. Had some dealings with them in the past and I always had the impression that this was more a political action platform than a real engagement mechanism.

Also, we will all witness history unfolding in a couple of months. In all likelihood there are big changes ahead of us. It wouldn't seem appropriate at this point to send signals that could be misunderstood. I would therefore advise to decline at this juncture while leaving doors open for the future. Who knows what is in stor ...

Georg

Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO
01/07/2008 09:07 PM

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Subject: FOR ADVICE PLSE: IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series

Dear Georg,

Initiative for Global Development has invited the secretary-General to speak as part of their 2008-2009 Speaker Series.

It would be appreciated if your Office could advise. Thank you.

Best,

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Sébastien A. Lawson

United Nations Secretariat

Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General

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Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO
05/04/2008 07:00 PM

To SGCentral/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: IGD speaker invitation

Dear Central Colleagues,

It would be appreciated if you could Log to attached correspondence addressed to the Secretary-General.

Thank you..

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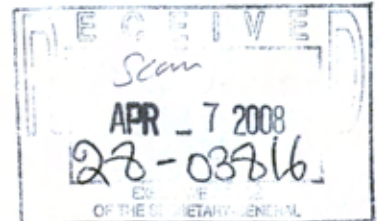
Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
03/04/2008 10:53 PM

To Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO
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Subject Fw: IGD speaker invitation

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jennifer Potter" [jpotter@igdleaders.org]
Sent: 03/04/2008 16:32 MST
To: Yeocheol Yoon
Subject: IGD speaker invitation

NYC



Dear Mr. Secretary-General Ban,

It is my pleasure to extend to you the attached invitation to speak at an IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series event. In particular, we would like to inquire about your interest and availability to speak in Los Angeles this fall.

A hardcopy of the letter has been placed in the mail. I've also attached a copy of the IGD board and Leadership Council. //

On behalf of the board and Council, we very much look forward to the opportunity to host you as a speaker.

I will follow up with you shortly for your response.

Best,

Jennifer

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April 3, 2008

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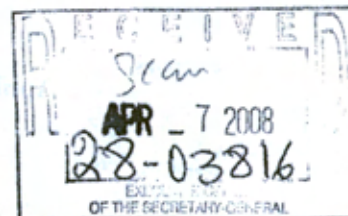
Dear Mr. Secretary-General Ban,

The Initiative for Global Development (IGD) is a national alliance of business leaders who believe that reducing global poverty should be a top priority of the United States and the international community. As you know, global poverty is at the root of many of the world's greatest challenges – from HIV/AIDS and child mortality to environmental degradation and regional instability – and IGD believes that dramatically reducing it is one of the most effective steps we can take in creating a better future.

IGD focuses its efforts in two areas: advocacy for improved government policies related to trade, aid and development and engaging the private sector more directly in poverty reduction. On the advocacy front, we have been participating in the national debate on trade policies as they affect poor people in impoverished countries and working to keep the interests of developing countries before Congress as it considers the reauthorization of the Farm Bill. IGD is also reaching out to the presidential candidates to encourage the next president to champion better policies and increased funding for programs that reduce poverty and promote economic development. On the private sector front, we are analyzing the obstacles that prevent greater engagement and investment in poor countries and exploring both policy changes and new forms of partnership that might yield more effective results.

IGD is launching a national speaker series to convene IGD's partners around the country with global leaders, policy experts, and elected officials, providing opportunities for education, dialogue and action. **Given your experience and valued personal perspective, it is my honor to invite you to speak as part of the IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series.** Speaker Series events will be held in a number of cities across the U.S. We would be privileged to have you speak as part of the series either in late 2008 or 2009. In particular, please let us know of your interest and availability to speak this fall in Los Angeles.

The IGD Speaker Series seeks to foster an informed and engaged constituency of business leaders to support effective measures to reduce global poverty. These events allow for in-depth conversations with influential business leaders who are vocal advocates in the areas of trade policy, economic development and aid effectiveness. Our goal is to make global poverty reduction a national priority for both policymakers and the business community.





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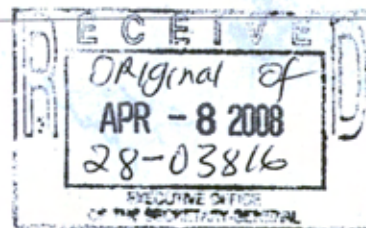
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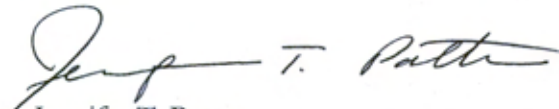
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As a speaker for the IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series, you will also be offered a role at the IGD 2009 National Summit. Co-chaired by Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell, the national Summit will bring together our national network to engage with top policymakers, including members of the administration, to raise the importance of global poverty reduction as a national priority.

I hope you will give this invitation to speak at the IGD 2008-2009 Speaker Series favorable consideration and agree to address the IGD network in one of our IGD cities at a time that is convenient for you. I will be in touch with your office shortly to determine your interest and availability. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me directly at 206.373.7155 or jpotter@igdleaders.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer T. Potter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent and the last name "Potter" following in a similar style. There is a small "T." between the first and last names.

Jennifer T. Potter
President & CEO