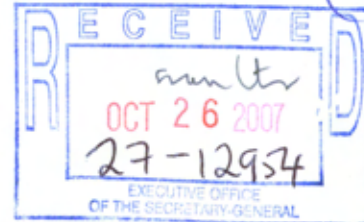


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*The Permanent Representative  
of Austria to the United Nations*

New York, 25 October 2007

Madam 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 six panel discussions on various aspects of the central theme, as well as a retreat of experts at Alpbach, Austria, in August 2007. Previous panels have focussed on topics such as "The Security Council as World Legislator?" (November 2004), "Who needs rules?" (May 2005), "The Security Council as World Judge?" (October 2005), "The Security Council as World Executive?" (October 2006) and "The Security Council and the Individual" (March 2007) (for further information on the Austrian Rule of Law Initiative and reports of previous panels see <http://www.aussenministerium.at/newyorkov>). We were very honored by the great interest and wide participation of Member States in these events.

As you are well aware, the Austrian Mission, again in cooperation with New York University, will convene a wrap-up panel discussion on the theme "The Security Council and the Rule of Law – The role of the Security Council in strengthening a rules-based international system" on Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Penthouse at the United Nations in New York.

As a follow-up to the personal invitation extended to you by Austrian State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Hans Winkler on the occasion of his visit to New York, I would like to take this opportunity to express our hope that your schedule might allow you to participate in the panel on 1 November. In view of your function as chair of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group you would be in a unique position to give a general introduction on the "United Nations and the Rule of Law", thus setting the general framework for the theme of the panel. I understand that the staff of our Mission has already been in informal contacts with your office. For your information, I am attaching the draft program of the event.

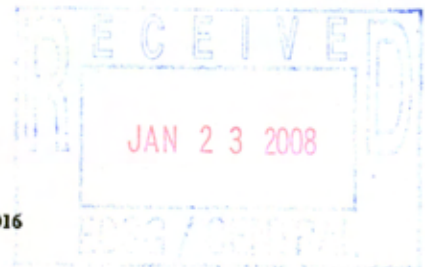
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*With my warmest regards*

Gerhard Pfanzelter  
(Ambassador)

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



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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

On the occasion of the International Law Week 2007 at the United Nations, the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations and the Institute for International Law and Justice at New York University School of Law cordially invite you to participate in a

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

on the theme

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**The role of the Security Council in strengthening  
a rules-based international system**

on

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Welcome:

**H.E. Mr. Srgjan Kerim**

(President of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly)

Introduction:

**H.E. Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro (tbc)**

(Deputy Secretary-General, Chair of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group)

Introduction on the United Nations and the Rule of Law

Chair:

**H.E. Mr. Gerhard Pfanzelter**

(Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations)

Presentation:

**Professor Simon Chesterman, Rapporteur**

(New York University School of Law, Director of Singapore Programme)

Presentation of the conclusions of the three year's Austrian panel series on the role of the Security Council in strengthening a rules-based international system

Commentators:

**H.E. Mr. Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo**

(Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico)

**H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser**

(Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations)

Participation is limited to two persons per delegation. A light buffet lunch will be served.  
**Registration is required. RSVP by fax (+1-212-949-1840) by Monday, October 29, 2007.**

☐ I will attend the panel discussion on November 1, 2007.

Name (please print): .....

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