



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 July 2012

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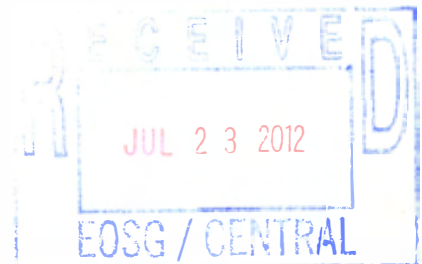
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Jan Eliasson

Mr. Alexander Gudzowaty
Honorary President of the World
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Excellency,

The Deputy Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Alexander Gudzowaty, Honorary President of the World Tolerance Center.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Parfait Onanga-Anyanga'.

Parfait Onanga-Anyanga
Director
Office of the Deputy Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. Witold Sobków
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of Poland to the United Nations
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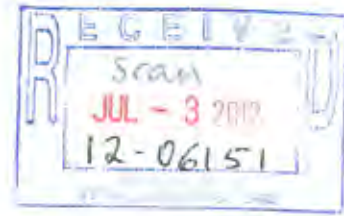
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Warsaw, 4 June 2012

Mr. Jan Eliasson
United Nations
Deputy Secretary-General

Your Excellency,

It is with great joy that I have received the news about your appointment as the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General. I would like to send my most sincere congratulations on the appointment and express a belief that your talent, expertise and long-term experience in holding the highest positions in international organizations and the Swedish government will serve well the entire world community.

Encouraged by the advice of my friends, I would like to inform you by this letter about my personal social project called the "Jerusalem Impulse".

I have taken all actions related with this project upon the knowledge of and in co-operation with the Jerusalem Municipality, President of the State of Israel, Shimon Peres, and President of Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, as well as a group of my Jewish and Palestinian friends who, out of the kindness of their hearts and wisdom, became the enthusiasts of this project.

I considered Jerusalem to be the most appropriate city for the headquarters of the “Impulse”. The “historical role” of continuous conflict has fallen to it, that is why it is the best to start replacing conflict with the idea of mutual alliance there.

Also, Jerusalem is close to the followers of many religions of the world, in particular three main monotheistic religions and as such may constitute the symbol of fraternization. This is a matter of awareness and good faith on the part of the leaders of such religions. Also, this is an opportunity to support such activities which stabilize moods. The point is to make the believers aware of the fact that faith and religion in their doctrines call for peace and not for entering into wars.

Another argument in favor of selecting Jerusalem as the city of universal tolerance is the abuse of its history by politicians to trigger violence, in fact against this city.

On 18 October 2012 a ceremony aimed at notifying the world public opinion about the establishment of the World Tolerance Center in Jerusalem will take place in that city. It will also be the first day of its operations.

This organization which has already been officially registered was established by myself together with the Jerusalem Foundation. We already know today that President Mahmoud Abbas will also delegate his Representative to the authorities of the World Tolerance Center.

The Center has its by-laws of an open organization where it is enough to make a statement of will in order to co-operate with the Center or even in order to directly participate in it.

The objective of the World Tolerance Centre in Jerusalem will be to recruit civic volunteers from all over the world for the support of the idea of tolerance. We are hoping that this will calm down political and social antagonisms.

I would also like inform you that I founded the Tolerance monument in Jerusalem, which is 27 meters high and is located on the Armon Hanatziv hill, which enables us to raise the symbol of this idea above the city level.

The monument was officially unveiled on 15 September 2008. We successfully introduced a custom that plaques – stones expressing solidarity with the idea of tolerance, funded by different cities from around the world, are placed under the monument. Recently, I have been informed that President Mahmoud Abbas approved the participation in this loyal gesture of support, as well as Bethlehem and Jenin. We also know that Haifa is joining the movement.

Each year, on the anniversary of the monument erection, jointly with the Jerusalem Foundation I organize scientific symposium devoted to the role of monotheistic religions in the movement of tolerance reinforcement.

Until present we have not been looking for publicity, through media or politically. I was awaiting friendly messages from the leaders of the Palestinian Authority. Now, when the position of the Palestinian Authority government is known and as the Center has been registered, I am informing the United Nations about these facts, because this matter has an international dimension and the support of international organizations will be very useful for it.

Your Excellency,

I have learned from my friends that you have the reputation of eminent politician and also negotiator who thanks to his talent did a lot of good for the international community.

Aleksander Gudzowaty

Therefore, it would be a great honor for the organizers of the ceremony of the World Tolerance Center inauguration if you agreed to grace the opening ceremony with your presence.

I do hope that the consequence of your consent to take part in the event will also be a speech delivered by you at the ceremony. As far as I am aware, a similar declaration was made by President Shimon Peres and also by the representative of the Palestinian Authority government.

The fact of the establishment of the World Tolerance Center in Jerusalem is of international importance and its creation was awaited by the prominent Palestinian and Jewish circles.

It means that the favorable attitude on the part of the UN will confirm the significance of the Center existence for resolving international conflicts, also in the Middle East.

I would appreciate your reply stating whether we could count on Your Excellency's valuable participation in the inauguration event in Jerusalem planned for 18 October 2012.

Yours faithfully,


Aleksander Gudzowaty

Honorary President of the World
Tolerance Center in Jerusalem

Copy: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the UN
H.E. Ambassador Witold Sobków



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Warszawa, dnia 8 czerwca 2012 r.

Pan Witold Sobków

Ambasador

Stałe Przedstawicielstwo RP

przy Narodach Zjednoczonych

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Departament Afryki i Bliskiego Wschodu przesyła w załączeniu oryginał listu p. A.Gudzowatego, skierowanego do p. J.Eliassona, Zastępcy Sekretarza Generalnego ONZ, z prośbą o przekazanie adresatowi.

Maciej Kozłowski

Zastępca dyrektora Departamentu

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1) pr. o kopie a/a u nas

2) pr. o list na p. J.E. na moją podpis

I enclose a letter by A.G. Minorany
(Kozłowski)

Warszawa, 4 czerwca 2012 roku

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Szanowny Panie Ambasadrze,

W nawiązaniu do naszej rozmowy w dniu 1 czerwca 2012r. przesyłam w załączeniu list Pana Aleksandra Gudzwatego do Jana Eliassona, Zastępcy Sekretarza Generalnego ONZ.

List powstał z inspiracji Ambadora Eugeniusza Wyznera, który zobowiązał się do nieoficjalnego przekazania korespondencji i namówienia adresata do uczestniczenia w uroczystości otwarcia Światowego Centrum Tolerancji w Jerozolimie w dniu 18 października 2012r. (Z-ca Sekretarza Generalnego ONZ Jan Eliasson jest przyjacielem E. Wyznera).

Amb. E. Wyzner sugeruje i prosi, aby Pan, Panie Ambasadrze przesłał oryginał listu Ambadorowi RP w Nowym Jorku z prośbą o oficjalne przekazanie adresatowi z adnotacją, że aktywność Światowego Centrum Tolerancji w Jerozolimie jest zgodna z interesem polityki zagranicznej RP.

Będę wdzięczny za pozytywne rozpatrzenie prośby Amb. E. Wyznera.

Z wyrazami szacunku,

Jan Bisztyga
Jan Bisztyga



Permanent Mission
of the Republic of Poland
to the United Nations

New York, July 2, 2012

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H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson
Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations

Excellency,

I enclose a letter by Mr. Aleksander Gudzowaty, Honorary President of the World Tolerance Center in Jerusalem.

Yours Sincerely,

Witold Sobków
Ambassador

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