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Dear Nambiar jee,

I hope this note finds you well and that you remember me. I was CNN's Bureau Chief in New Delhi from 1999 – 2007. I covered the Kargil Conflict when you were High Commissioner to Pakistan. Currently, I am with UNEP and my principal mission is to try to unite the world to combat climate change.

As part of building this worldwide coalition I will soon be in New York to launch the Paint for the Planet exhibit and auction of children's art featuring a selection of stand-out entries from our International Children's Painting Competitions. Showcasing children's fears and hopes for the planet, the paintings are a powerful plea from children for leadership on climate change before it is too late.

The exhibit, which opens at UN headquarters on 23 October, features original artwork chosen from a collection of nearly 200,000 paintings which have never been displayed before.

On 25 October, a selection of the paintings will be auctioned at the Harvard Club of New York City to raise emergency funds for children affected by climate-related disasters, such as the recent storms and hurricanes in the Caribbean. We will channel the proceeds of the auction through UNICEF, as the lead UN agency concerned with children's welfare.

After New York, the exhibit will travel to various climate-related events around the world, to support the call for a definitive agreement at the climate change talks in Copenhagen, Denmark at the end of 2009.

I sincerely hope that you will support our campaign by attending our events. Three of the children involved in this worldwide campaign are Indian so I hope you will also inform Ambassador Sen and his staff to come support their children's efforts.

Kindly indicate your availability so we can co-ordinate logistics and send an invitation to you immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir,

The organizers are asking that you indicate your availability.

Would you be interested in attending these events?

Ray B. Daffall