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Dear Captain Tsakos,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your gift of the Medical Guide published by your wife. Dr. Saroglou-Tsakos has long shown a commitment to public health, and I commend her work to care for and protect children around the world.

Thank you also for sending press coverage of the launch of the ship "World Harmony". My wife remains very honoured to be its Godmother, and cherishes fond memories of the naming ceremony. We were both gratified to hear of its recent voyages, and hope this beautiful ship continues its smooth sailing.

I appreciate your thoughtful and kind invitation to prolong my planned stay in Greece. We will need some more time to gain a clearer sense of whether this will be possible and in the meantime remain very grateful for your offer of hospitality.

Either way, I look forward to seeing you in Athens this coming November. I am sure this will be an opportunity to deepen our friendship, and I wish you all the best until then.

Yours sincerely,

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Your Excellency.

As you are aware the Greek Government have offered to host the third Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) due to take place in Athens between 2- 5 November 2009. Minister Athanasios Nakos, on behalf of the Greek Government, has invited you to attend this meeting.

At the same time, the President of the Hellenic Parliament, H.E. Dimitris G.Sioufas, has extended to you an invitation to address the Greek Parliament.


Although I have full conscience of your multifaceted obligations and heavy schedule time wise, I wish to cordially invite Your Excellency and Mrs Ban to prolong your stay as much as you feel appropriate, so that you spend some private quiet time and give us the opportunity and pleasure to be your hosts in making a programme that will meet your wishes and approval.

I also take this opportunity to reiterate our heartfelt thanks for the great honor that has been afforded to our Group by Mrs Ban Soon- Taek by accepting to sponsor our "World Harmony". We sincerely hope the whole event and the overall stay in Korea have been rewarding and relaxing for Mrs Ban Soon -Taek. The "World Harmony" to the full satisfaction of her Charterers "Flopec"(The National Oil Company of Venezuela) has performed 3 voyages in the US West Coast and Caribs region and is currently on her fourth voyage, having loaded at Tumaco, Colombia to discharge at San Francisco, USA. We sincerely hope that "harmony" will be with her, throughout her sailing to the seven oceans.

The press coverage of the naming ceremony has been wide, in local and international shipping publications, as well as, in related internet sites. As a specimen of what has been published, please allow me to enclose some press material, the English part of which I am sure it will make an interesting reading for Mrs Ban Soon - Taek. We are also enclosing the English edition of Marine Medical Guide that was presented by my wife, Dr Irene Saroglou -Tsakos MD, to replace the inadvertently offered Greek edition.

Please convey my utmost respect to Mrs Ban and accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

With Kind regards,


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