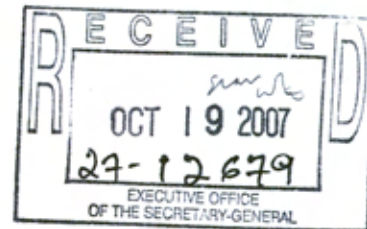


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Note to the Chef de Cabinet

Invitation to Mr. Al Gore and Mr. Rajendra Pachauri to participate
as keynote speakers at the 2008 ECOSOC High-level Segment

The President of ECOSOC, Ambassador Dalius Čekuolis, extended invitations (copies attached) to Mr. Al Gore and Mr. Rajendra Pachauri (Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) to deliver keynote speeches at the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council on 30 June 2008 in New York. *not attached*

The 2008 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) will address the theme "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development". The participation of Messrs. Gore and Pachauri in the opening of the ECOSOC session would raise the visibility to the AMR and reinforce the role of UN as the forum for reaching agreement on collective action to mitigate climate change. This enhanced visibility of ECOSOC would strengthen its role as a platform for engaging political leaders at the highest level on global development challenges.

ECOSOC stands to benefit greatly from the participation of these eminent persons. In this regard, I should like to request that follow-up letters from the Secretary-General be sent to encourage the participation of Mr. Gore and Mr. Pachauri as Keynote Speakers at the High-level Segment. (Draft letters are attached). *||*

Rachel May Jr
for Sha Zukang
17 October 2007

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