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From the Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs

6 July 2011

Dear Mr Nambiar

Thank you for forwarding the Secretary General's letter of 25 May to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister is grateful for the kind invitation to attend the High-Level Meeting on Youth to be held in New York on 25 and 26 July. He regrets he will be unable to attend owing to other commitments. The British Government will be represented at expert level from the UK Mission to the United Nations.

The UK Government supports a range of activity which is in line with the aims of the International Year of Youth which includes seeking to promote action aimed at disseminating among young people the ideals of peace, freedom, progress and mutual understanding across generations and cultures; and helping them to contribute to the challenges facing society.

I am sure that the High-Level Meeting will bring the International Year of Youth to a fitting conclusion and I offer my best wishes for the discussions that will take place.

Yours sincerely

JOHN CASSON

Mr Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

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Janice: I'd be grateful if you would pass the attached letter from the UK Prime Minister's office to Mr Nambiar please. The hard copy will follow once received from London.

Many thanks.

Sandra Coleman
Executive Assistant to Ambassador/Perm Rep, UK Mission to the United Nations

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For favour of onward transmission, please see the attached letter from John Casson, Private Secretary to the PM, to Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet to UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

Original letter also attached. Hard copies to follow in post.

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25 May 2011

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to its high destination.

A copy of the letter is attached, for your information.

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

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Sir Mark Lyall Grant
Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom
to the United Nations
New York, NY

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 May 2011

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to attend the High-level Meeting on Youth to be held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, 25 and 26 July 2011, to highlight the International Year of Youth (12 August 2010 - 11 August 2011), under the overarching theme "Youth: dialogue and mutual understanding".

Issues of youth development now rank high on national agendas across the globe. There are 1.2 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24, more than 80 per cent of whom live in developing countries. Countries continue to tackle the effects of the global financial and economic crisis, which has disproportionately worsened already high rates of unemployment and working poverty among youth. Many countries are also confronting political unrest, with young people leading the calls for change. Eighty-one million young people were unemployed in 2009, an increase of 7.8 million from 2007. Furthermore, youth have been particularly affected by the rising rates of vulnerable employment. The overall situation of young people has profound implications for economic and social development as well as political stability.

The United Nations International Year of Youth has contributed to calls for greater support to youth development and the participation of young people in society and decision-making. While there is growing recognition that youth are crucial stakeholders and partners in development, many continue to lack access to essential services and resources and remain at the margins of social and civic affairs.

In order to ensure the full inclusion of youth in society, we must promote dialogue and mutual understanding across cultures and generations. Much remains to be done to encourage and support the myriad contributions of young people to social justice and development.

His Excellency
Mr. David Cameron, MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
London

The High-level Meeting on Youth provides a critical opportunity to strengthen international cooperation on youth issues and to address challenges they face, as well as opportunities that youth development creates. The meeting will underscore the importance of supporting young people's vast and untapped potential.

I hope that you will accept this invitation and demonstrate the commitment of your country to improving the situation of young people.

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

Ki Moon Ban

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