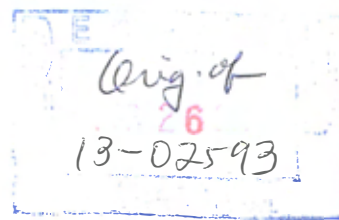




Azərbaycan Respublikasının  
Xarici İşlər Naziri

Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Baku, March 19, 2013

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour of inviting you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue organised by the Government of Azerbaijan in partnership with UNESCO, UN Alliance of Civilizations, UN World Tourism Organisation, Council of Europe, Council of Europe's North-South Centre and ISESCO to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 29 May - 1 June 2013. The opening ceremony of the World Forum will take place on 30 May 2013 under the motto "Living together peacefully in a diverse world".

The Forum will provide participants with a unique global platform for constructive and result-oriented dialogue to share lessons of the best practices and to develop new partnerships. The programme of the Forum implies several workshops and side events to be prepared by partner organizations, including the celebration of the world campaign "Do one thing for Diversity and Inclusion", Intercultural Innovation Award Ceremony for Central Asia, Black Sea and Mediterranean regions, 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Meeting of the "Emerging Leaders Network".

As you may already be aware, the 1<sup>st</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue held on 7-9 April 2011 in Baku became one of the most significant examples of joint endeavours of the Government of Azerbaijan and a roster of leading international organisations. More than 500 representatives from 102 countries and many international organisations, NGOs, media representatives, scholars and experts participated in the Forum entitled "United through Common Values, Enriched by Cultural Diversity".

**H.E. Mr. BAN Ki-moon**  
**United Nations Secretary-General**  
**New-York**

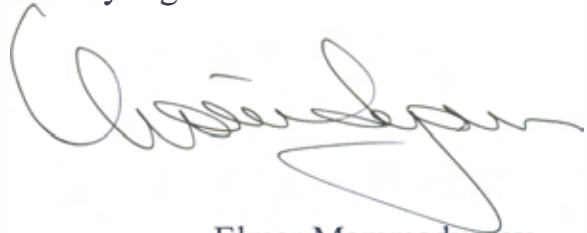


Taking into consideration your personal commitment to the promotion of intercultural dialogue I am confident that your presence at the Forum will contribute to the overall success of this event.

All necessary information about the Baku Forum is available at <http://www.bakuforum-icd.az>.

Looking forward to meeting you in Baku, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Secretary-General, the expression of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Elmar Mammadyarov

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the original invitation letter from H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, to be held in Baku from May 29 to June 1, 2013 (attached).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 25 April 2013



The Secretary-General  
of the United Nations  
New York