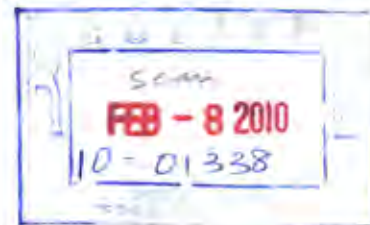




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25 January 2010

Dear Mr. Nambiar,

It is my honour to invite you to join us for an exclusive special event on *“Engaging philanthropy to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment”*, which will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This event is jointly organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, and the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP). The outcome of the deliberations will be shared with all United Nations Member States during the United Nations Economic and Social Council’s (ECOSOC’s) High-level session in July 2010.

Programme details:

22 February 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

United Nations Headquarters,
1st Avenue and 46th Street, New York City

In an effort to explore collaborative opportunities in advancing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for gender equality and empowerment of women, the special event will feature discussions on innovative partnerships focused specifically on “ending violence against women and girls” and “promoting women’s economic empowerment”, issues which are high on the agenda of the United Nations.

Participating as panellists in the leadership dialogues will be leading CEOs, including Mr. Alan Hassenfeld, Chairman of Hasbro, Inc., heads of foundations, such as Ms. Zainab Salbi, Founder and CEO of Women for Women International, high-level representatives of the United Nations system and leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, will open the meeting. In attendance will be Ambassadors and Member States delegates, representatives of United Nations organizations, corporate contributions executives, as well as leaders of private foundations, international NGOs, and academic institutions. Participants will have an opportunity to attend a networking event, following the conclusion of the programme.

Please find attached a background note outlining the event’s objectives, and a registration form, to be completed by **30 January 2010**. An agenda for the meeting will be posted on the ECOSOC website (www.un.org/ecosoc) in early-December. Should you have any questions, kindly contact Ms. Rosalinda Sanchez at ECOSOC (e-mail: sanchez2@un.org).

I hope that you will accept our invitation and participate in this exciting event.

Yours Sincerely,


Sylvie Lucas

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Mr. Charles Moore, Executive Director, Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy

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Sir,

ECOSOC will host a special event on promoting gender equality on Monday, 22 February, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber.

This already appears on the SG's calendar (3:00-3:45 p.m.).

Will you accompany SG to the event?

Yes