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H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
U.N. Headquarters
New York
U.S.A



Dear Secretary General,

I write with reference to the invitation conveyed recently to you on behalf of His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo, President of Guyana, to attend the XIX Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Rio Group to be held in Georgetown from March 2-3, 2007.

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In this regard, I wish to forward for your information the proposed programme of the event. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding your participation so that the appropriate arrangements could be put in place to ensure your comfortable stay in Georgetown.

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Accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

S. R. Insanally
Minister of Foreign Affairs



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**Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Rio Group
March 3, 2007**

Draft Programme

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

AM/PM	Arrivals
18:00 - 18:45 hrs	Opening Ceremony - National Cultural Centre
19:00 hrs	Reception - National Cultural Centre
19:45 hrs	Dinner for Heads of State and Government and Special Invitees - State House

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

09:00 - 11:00 hrs	Private Informal Session for Heads of State and Government: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Human and Social Issues impacting on the process of development of the Rio Group vis-à-vis the international community - To be introduced by Guyanaii. Any other issues (as previously communicated to the Chair)
11:00 - 11:30 hrs	BREAK
11:30 - 13:00 hrs	Plenary Session Invited Statements from regional organisations Examination and Approval of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Statement on Human and Social Issuesii. Programme of Action for the further Democratisation of International Relationsiii. Recommendations of Workshop on Asymmetric Relations among Rio Group Member Statesiv. Draft Declaration of the Summit
13:00 - 13:30 hrs	Hand Over of the Chairmanship of the Rio Group to the Dominican Republic Closing Remarks
13:30	LUNCH TROIKA PRESS CONFERENCE