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Dear Ms. Moratti,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 11 September 2009, co-signed by Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, inviting the Secretary-General to participate in the meeting of business leaders from companies along the food value chain, to be held on 12 and 13 November in Milan.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your invitation. Unfortunately, I must inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to take part in this gathering, owing to scheduling reasons. Allow me, nevertheless, to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event. A similar letter has been addressed to Mr. Diouf.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Ms. Letizia Moratti
Mayor
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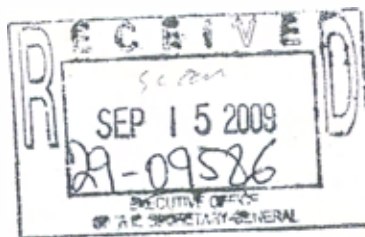
Mr. Jacques Diouf
Director-General
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Dear Secretary-General,

As you know, the world is going through financial turbulence that has led to a serious economic setback. But this must not mask the global food crisis which has shaken the international agricultural economy and demonstrated the fragility of the global agricultural system. The present situation of world food insecurity is of particular concern. In 2007 and 2008, mainly because of high food prices, the number of hungry and malnourished people in the world soared by 115 million, and is projected to reach a historic high of about 1 billion this year, representing 15 percent of the world population.

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Mr Ban Ki-moon
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United Nations
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In view of the outstanding importance of the private sector in the fight against hunger and of the UN system-wide efforts to establish far-reaching partnerships as a means to address the challenge of meeting the world's food needs, to increase food security and to eradicate world poverty, we would be honoured to welcome your participation in the Milan meeting.

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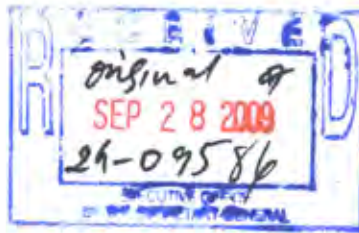


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