



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 October 2014

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Dear Dr. Counter,

Many thanks for your kind words about my visit to Harvard on 10 September. I enjoyed it thoroughly and was impressed by the quality of questions and comments both after my lecture and at the dinner.

I brought to the attention of the Secretary-General the Harvard Foundation's selection of him as the recipient of 2013 Humanitarian of the Year Award.

As you have heard from his office, he has accepted this honour with gratitude and looks forward to the event planned for 2 December at Harvard.

From the side of the United Nations, we deeply appreciate your recognition of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's and the United Nations' efforts to respond to the many humanitarian crises in the world.

As a former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs responsible for emergency relief co-ordination, I commend you and the Harvard Foundation for its decision to honour H.E. Ban Ki-moon for his work at the United Nations in the humanitarian area.

With warm regards,
Yours sincerely,

Jan Eliasson

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

Greetings from Harvard University.

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Each year, the Faculty and Students of the Harvard Foundation of Harvard University select the *Humanitarian of the Year*. This special award is presented at Harvard annually to a distinguished, internationally recognized humanitarian to honor his or her contributions to humankind. In 2013, we selected Malala Yousafzai, the young woman who was shot in an assassination attempt in Pakistan for her advocacy of education for girls, as the Harvard Foundation 2013 *Humanitarian of the Year*. Malala and her family were brought to Harvard to be honored for her outstanding humanitarian work in education, and to receive the award from the President of Harvard University before an audience of over one thousand Harvard faculty and students in Sanders Theatre.

The Faculty and Students of the Harvard Foundation have selected you to receive the 2014 Humanitarian Award in recognition of your Exceptional Leadership and Notable Contributions to International Humanitarian Initiatives. On behalf of the Harvard Foundation, I invite you to visit Harvard University on a day of your selection in the fall of 2014 to receive the Harvard Humanitarian Award.

A Faculty/Student Advisory Committee of the Harvard Foundation nominates annually outstanding individuals from throughout the world whose works and deeds on behalf of humanity are singular and praiseworthy. These individuals range from heads of state to outstanding scholars, religious leaders, artists, and others whose humanitarian efforts have enhanced the quality of our collective lives. We believe that your distinguished humanitarian contributions as the guiding force for peace, freedom and compassionate service at the United Nations deserve special recognition as the 2014 *Harvard Humanitarian of the Year*.

Previous United Nations Secretaries General who were recipients of the Harvard Foundation Award include Javier Perez de Cuellar, Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Kofi Annan. We hope that as our current UN Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, you will continue this fine tradition.

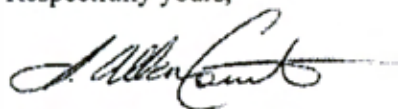
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Other Harvard Foundation Honorary Guests have included Nobel Laureates Dr. Mario Molina, Dr. Elie Wiesel, Irish Parliamentarian John Hume, Reverend Jose Ramos Horta, and Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu; Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize Committee, Mr. Thorbjorn Jagland; Chairman of the Nobel Prize Committee of the Swedish Academy on Literature, Dr. Per Wästberg; Sharon Stone, actress and AIDS research fundraiser and advocate; and Mary Robinson, President of Ireland, to name a few.

Upon receiving the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Award, the guest of honor is asked to deliver a lecture to the Harvard students and faculty assembled about the importance of humanitarianism in today's world. These remarks may cover any aspect of humanitarianism that you would like to address. The University would like to host a day in your honor, along with the presentation of the Humanitarian Award, in the fall of 2014, preferably the first week of December 2014. During your visit, you will meet with the President of the University, and a special dinner will be held in your honor at Harvard's historic Winthrop House (The student residence Hall of President John F. Kennedy). Also, a large student and faculty reception will be held for you upon your arrival at Harvard. Local and national press will cover these events (if you have no objection). The University will cover all transportation and accommodation costs associated with your visit to Harvard. The Faculty and Students of Harvard University and I would be honored should you accept this invitation and award. We look forward to your reply.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,



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