



**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: Screening of documentary
Virunga, 16 September 2014**

Rommel Maranan to: Jaya Dayal, Darrin Farrant, Alison Corbet
Cc: chang10, lawsons, Alexandra Barahona Posada, Jackilyn Punsal

04/09/2014 08:56 PM

Dear DPI colleagues,

I am writing in response to the note from Mr. Maher Nasser to the Secretary-General dated 19 August 2014 (our reference # 14-07507; attached for reference), inviting the Secretary-General to attend and make opening remarks at the special screening of documentary Virunga, to be held at the Directors Guild of America New York Theatre on 16 September 2014.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, he will be unable to attend the screening, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule on the said date.

With thanks for your kind understanding,
Rommel

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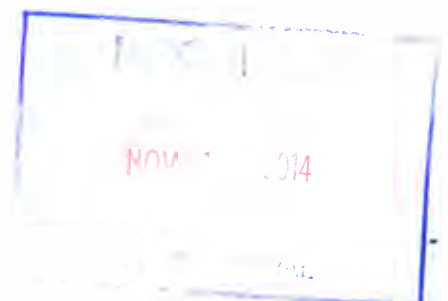


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It was recommended
for DSG to
Represent SG
- Alex (please
let us know)
thanks.

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Re: The recommendation for SG's participation at Screening of Virunga on 16 September - evening

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Wook-Jin Chang

04/09/2014 07:33 PM

Dear Jin,

I just received confirmation that the DSG will not be able to attend this screening and a simple regret has been recommended.

Rgds,
Alex

Alexandra Barahona Posada Dear Jin, The below is the recommen...

04/09/2014 06:20:49 PM

From: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO
To: Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 04/09/2014 06:20 PM
Subject: The recommendation for SG's participation at Screening of Virunga on 16 September - evening

Dear Jin,

The below is the recommendation received for this screening. EOSG heads (DU/Speechwriting Unit/PU) said this was a "low priority event" for SG and no need for him to attend. Hence CdC recommended delegating to CdC.

I passed it on to Tasa and Elisabeth to check with the DSG on his availability and they are checking him. I just spoke to them again and they promised to get back to us soonest.

Rgds,
Alex

----- Forwarded by Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO on 04/09/2014 06:10 PM -----

From: Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO
To: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Cc: Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 22/08/2014 06:32 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Event on 16 September - evening

So let's delegate to DSG.
Susana

Susana Malcorra

Chef de Cabinet

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Alexandra Barahona Posada

Dear Ms. Malcorra, This was recomm...

22/08/2014 06:26:00 PM

From: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO
To: Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Cc: Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 22/08/2014 06:26 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Event on 16 September - evening

Dear Ms. Malcorra,

This was recommended by EOSG heads (DU/Speechwriting Unit/PU) as a "low priority event" for SG during the margins of the GA so its not in our table of priority events to be consider in SG's schedule

Rgds,
Alex

Susana Malcorra

Alex, Is this feasible? Pls. confirm to DPI if so.

22/08/2014 05:00:00 PM

From: Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO
To: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Cc: Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 22/08/2014 05:00 PM
Subject: Fw: Event on 16 September - evening

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----- Forwarded by Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO on 22/08/2014 04:59 PM -----

From: Maher Nasser/NY/UNO
To: Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 22/08/2014 03:53 PM
Subject: Event on 16 September - evening

Dear Susana,

The event I mentioned in mid-September is indeed on the 16th at 6:30 pm at the Directors Guild on 110 West 57th Street. Jin had informally told me that the SG was available that date, which is why we sent the note. If he has another engagement, we will try to see if the D/SG would be able to join us.

Best,

Maher

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Invitation to the Secretary-General to open
Envision 2014 screening of *Virunga*

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The documentary, which has already screened at several international film festivals and will be broadcast on Netflix a week after its Envision screening, draws attention to important issues on the United Nations agenda such as the need to protect and maintain biodiversity.

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Maher Nasser
Acting Head
Department of Public Information
19 August 2014

cc: Mr. Amdur
Mr. Chang
Mr. Dujarric

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Acting Head
Department of Public Information
19 August 2014

This appears to be a
year-round series so perhaps
the SG can go to another
event outside the rush
of the GA. Seems a
low priority for September.

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