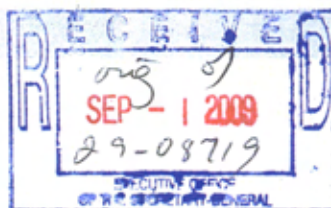




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18th August, 2009

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

It is over a year since we had the pleasure of welcoming you to Bonn, and I had such interesting conversation with you on Fengshui during the lunch hosted by the Lady Mayor. Since your visit in July 2008, many developments have taken place in Bonn, and in the UNV programme.

I would like the opportunity to discuss some of the most relevant initiatives with you, especially in relation to how UNV could support the 'Seal the Deal' campaign with its close to 8,000 UNV volunteers in the field and the many others who volunteer online.

I would also like to seek your views and support on ways to leverage the numerous personalities who volunteer for the UN as Goodwill Ambassadors and Messengers of Peace to give proper visibility to the 10-year anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV +10, to be celebrated in 2011)

The General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/63/153 on 11 February 2009 invited Governments with the active support of media, civil society and the private sector as well as development partners and the relevant organizations and bodies of the UN system to carry out activities focused on marking the tenth anniversary of IYV in 2011 at the regional and national levels. Further the General Assembly reaffirmed its recognition of the work of the UN Volunteers programme as the focal point for the follow-up to IYV and requested it to continue to raise awareness of the contribution of volunteers to peace and development.

It is in that context, Mr. Secretary-General that I am writing to you seeking your support for UNV to reach out to the community of UN Goodwill Ambassadors and UN Messengers of Peace.

I would also like to take the opportunity to update you on the efforts of the UNV programme to support your strategic priorities, the environment, the MDGs, Delivering as One, through our engaged volunteers in peace-keeping missions, humanitarian operations and development programmes.

Since I shall be on mission in New York from 10th to 18th September inclusive, I remain at your disposal at any time that may be suitable for you to meet. My Liaison Office in New York shall be in contact with your staff.

Looking forward to meeting you again and sharing with you some exciting new opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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