

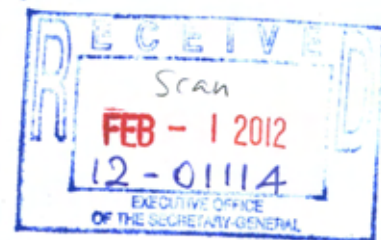
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Dear Deputy Secretary-General,

I am writing in response to your letter of 11 January regarding the Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign.

As you are aware, the General Assembly has not allocated special budgetary funds for public information activities to support the Secretary-General's campaign. However, since the launch of the campaign, my Department has prioritized the issue of ending violence against women and girls, both at Headquarters and through its network of 63 UN Information Centres.

DPI has consistently provided communications support and guidance to the UNiTE campaign at the global level, including through the development of information tools and materials, and media outreach resulting in extensive coverage of the UNiTE campaign in all regions.

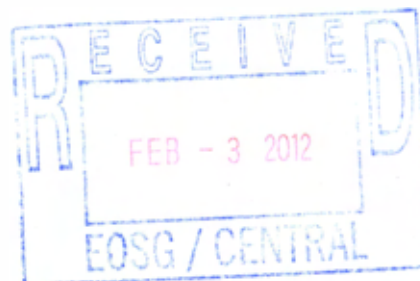
At the national and regional levels, UN Information Centres have organized numerous events and activities to highlight the issue of preventing and ending violence against women, often working with civil society, Government and private sector partners.

I would like to reaffirm the commitment of my Department to supporting the implementation of the *UNiTE Strategic Direction 2011-2015* and its related activities for 2012, within existing resources. I look forward to continued cooperation with entities across the UN system to move towards the achievement of the UNiTE campaign's expected outcomes by 2015 and to further efforts to end violence against women and girls in all its forms.

Yours sincerely,

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