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Excellency,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter of 11 April, inviting him to be the keynote speaker at this year's United Nations Population Award ceremony to be held on Thursday, 7 June 2007 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation to participate in this special event. I regret to inform you, however, that he is unable to attend due to prior commitments at that time.

Let me take this opportunity to convey our best wishes for a successful ceremony.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Anders Lidén
Permanent Representative of Sweden
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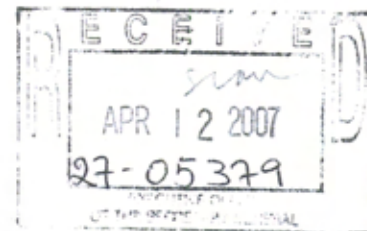
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PERMANENT MISSION OF SWEDEN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Office of the Permanent Representative
Ambassador Anders Lidén

New York, 11 April 2007



His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, I am pleased to invite you to this year's award ceremony, which will take place on Thursday, 7 June 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.


I believe that your presence at the award ceremony will be a great honour to the recipients who are chosen for helping, in their different ways, to improve the lives of many ordinary people. Your presence will also lend prestige and visibility to population and development issues, recognized by world leaders at the 2005 World Summit as critical to the achievement of the MDGs.

This year's nominees in the individual and institutional categories will be selected from a distinguished group of 18 individuals and 11 institutions that have made significant accomplishments in the field of population and development. The selection will take place later this month and the winners will be announced in due course.

We believe that the awards will bring greater recognition to the linkages between population and sustainable development and will serve to generate further support for the important contribution of population issues to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, particularly the Millennium Development Goals.

It is our hope that you will be able to attend the ceremony, deliver the keynote address, present the awards and attend the reception that will follow the ceremony. The details as usual should be discussed between your office and your designated secretariat for the United Nations Population Award, UNFPA.

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Anders Lidén
Chairman, Committee for the United Nations Population Award
Ambassador/Permanent Representative
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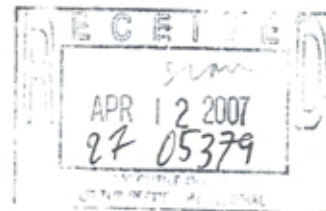
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