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8 February 2008

Dear Mr. Weerasuriya,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 17 December 2007, inviting the Secretary-General as a guest of honour and distinguished speaker at one of your Monthly Speaker Programs sometime in 2008.

On the Secretary-General behalf, I thank you for your kind invitation, which he appreciates. However, we are unable to make a decision at this point with regard to his taking part. Be assured that the invitation will be borne in mind as his programme for 2008 develops. As soon as his participation becomes a distinct possibility, my Office will revert to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yeocheol Yoon'.

Yeocheol Yoon  
Special Assistant to the Secretary-General  
Chief, Scheduling Office

Mr. Yasith Weerasuriya  
Program chairman  
World Affairs Council  
of Orange County  
Irvine

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## Correspondence Log # 27-15169

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Through		Incoming Ref#	n/a
To	SG	Outgoing Ref#	n/a
cc		Case #	
Correspondence Subject	Extended an invitation to SG to speak at one of their Monthly Speaker Programs sometime in 2008. Asked SG to be the guest of honor and distinguished speaker.		
Date of Correspondence	17-Dec-2007	Reply by	Reply date not specified
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31/12/2007 at 9:23:44 AM - Track note by Marvin Cardenas: from YYC (SL=interim reply)			
02/01/2008 at 11:15:56 AM - Track note by Wai Tak Chua: Original forwarded to SL for action (see above)			



## Correspondence Log # 27-15209

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From	Peter Piot Executive Director UNAIDS Geneva, Switzerland	In / Out	Incoming
		Log status	Logged
Through	J.V.R. Prasada Rao Director HIV/AIDS Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS	Incoming Ref#	EXO/PP/PR/TW/sh
To	SG	Outgoing Ref#	n/a
cc		Case #	

Correspondence Subject	Congratulated SG on his highly successful Asia visit. Stated that the question of AIDS had been low profile among national and regional leaders of Asia. It was because of that, stated that author had set up an independent Commission on AIDS, which asked highly respected leaders from different backgrounds to consider the AIDS respected leaders from different academic backgrounds to consider the AIDS Challenge and analyze its deep socioeconomic Impact on people and countries of the region. Stated that the Commission which would be chaired by Dr. C. Rangarajan, presently the Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India, had worked hard for the last 18 months, gathering formidable evidence from existing and commissioned research and would finalize its report early in January. In order to give the report the importance and visibility, it deserved, wondered whether SG would be able to find the time during SG's busy schedule to officially launch the Commission's report, during SG's next visit to Asia in February or March. If SG would agree, in principle, to the proposal, would ask the Regional Director UNAIDS in Bangkok to further develop the concept in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission.		
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Date of Correspondence	14-Dec-2007	Reply by	Reply date not specified
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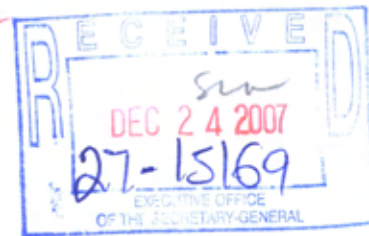
# World Affairs Council

## OF ORANGE COUNTY

December 17, 2007

Secretary General  
Ban Ki-moon  
United Nations  
1st Ave.  
New York, NY 10017

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Dear Secretary General Ban Ki-moon,

As Programs Chairman of the *World Affairs Council of Orange County*, I am honored to extend an invitation to you to speak at one of our Monthly Speaker Programs sometime in 2008. We would be deeply honored if your schedule might allow you to be guest of honor and distinguished speaker at one of our events.

For over 40 years, the Orange County World Affairs Council has served the community's national and international interests by fulfilling its mission as Orange County's preeminent forum for the discussion and analysis of critical world issues. Our membership includes over 500 of Orange County's most prominent business, civic and social leaders. Our speaker programs typically begin at 6:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m. Your speech will begin at 7:45 p.m. followed by questions from the audience.

We support our local high schools with our *Scholarship Outreach Program*, by inviting students as our guests to our speaker programs and promoting greater international awareness within the community. We also recognize and honor our military by inviting local military personnel and their spouses to attend speaker programs free of charge.

We are profoundly grateful for your consideration of this invitation. We would be honored indeed if you could join us. Please call our Administrative Director Karen Levesque at (949) 253-5751.

Respectfully,

Yasith Weerasuriya  
Programs Chairman

# World Affairs Council of Orange County

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The Orange County World Affairs Council seeks to promote a better understanding of current world affairs by hosting prominent speakers and giving our members the chance to hear and interact with them first-hand. We are one of 86 such councils throughout the United States and are a non-profit, non-partisan, non-government organization open to all.

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**World Affairs Council  
Of Orange County  
List of previous Speakers from 2007**

Panel

U.S. and North Korea Relations: A Breakthrough Coming or More Frustrations?  
1/24/2007 Irvine Marriott Hotel

Dennis Prager, *Radio Personality and Author*  
“The Case for Judeo – Christian Values”  
2/18/2007, Chapman University

Jeffrey Davidow, *Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico*  
“The U.S. and Mexico: So Many Tough Problems”  
2/22/2007 Hilton Costa Mesa

Rear Admiral Joseph D. Kernan, *Deputy Commander,  
Naval Special Warfare Command*  
“The War on Terror and the Challenges Ahead for Special Warfare”  
3/7/2007 Hilton Costa Mesa

M. Finbar Hill, *Honorary Consul of Ireland for LA and Orange Counties*  
“A Premium Member and Trustee Event”  
3/29/2007 The Center Club

Abderahman Salaheldin, *Consul General of Egypt*  
“U.S. - Egyptian Relations & the Future of the Middle East”  
4/18/2007 Fairmont Newport Beach

Lt. General David Barno, *Retired U.S. Army and Director of Near East South  
Asia Center for Strategic Studies*  
“Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan”  
5/10/2007 Hilton Irvine

Kenneth W. Starr, *Dean and Professor of Law at Pepperdine University*  
“The Role of the Courts in the War on Terror”  
5/23/2007 Irvine Marriott Hotel

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Stephen Stedman, *Senior Fellow at CISAC and former Assistant Secretary General and Special Advisor to the U.N. Secretary – General Kofi Annan*  
6/13/2007 Irvine Marriott Hotel

Dennis Ross, *Author, Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, former Director, Policy Planning, U.S. State Dept.*  
“Statecraft: How to Restore America’s Standing in the World”  
6/25/2007 Irvine Marriott Hotel

Philippe Larrieu, *Consul General of France*  
Premium Member and Trustee Event  
“Franco-American Alliance: rebuilding the Friendship of Old Allies”  
7/12/2007 The Center Club

Nicholas Kralev, *The Washington Times Chief Diplomatic Correspondent*  
“The United States and the World: Challenges to American Diplomacy”  
7/23/2007 Irvine Marriott Hotel

Ambassador Robert Tuttle, *U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James*  
“Transatlantic Relations - an Ambassadorial Reflection”  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala  
9/6/2007 The Richard Nixon Library

Lou Dobbs, *Television's Premier Business and Financial Journalist*  
“Independents Days: Awakening the American Spirit”  
11/10/07 Irvine Marriott Hotel