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Dear Mr. Weissinger-Baylon,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 4 February 2009, inviting him to address the 26th International Workshop on Global Security, to be held in Istanbul from 25 to 28 June 2009.

Regrettably, I must inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to take part in the workshop, owing to prior commitments. Let me, nevertheless, take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

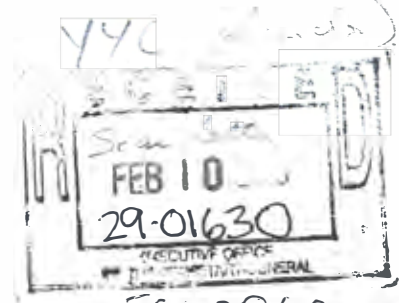
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The Honorable Ban Ki-Moon
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Subject: Invitation to Address the 26th International Workshop on Global Security -- Istanbul, Turkey (25-28 June 2009)

Dear Secretary General Ki-Moon,

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With warm regards,

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26th International Workshop.



MILLÎ SAVUNMA BAKANLI
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ANKARA, 25 October 2008

Dear Mr. Weisinger-BATLON,

I have been informed about your proposal that the 26th International Workshop on Global Security be held in Turkey. As an attendee of the 25th Workshop, which took place in Rome, I am extremely pleased to have been offered the opportunity to host such a useful event in my country.

It is our common desire to achieve and maintain a safe and secure environment that will subsequently contribute to peace and stability in the world. I believe the 26th International Workshop on Global Security will constitute yet another contributing factor to achieving this goal. The events we have been witnessing in the world for sometime have demonstrated, the great significance and necessity of such functions for sharing ideas and views and establishing a common ground of understanding on global security issues.


Turkey, as a staunch ally located at the center of the world's hotspots, and as an active regional power that plays a significant role by mediating area disputes is the most suitable country for this event. Additionally, as the crossing point between the two continents and with its well-known historic atmosphere, Istanbul is the best city to meet the demands for conducting such a Workshop.

In this context, I have the honor of cordially inviting your organization to hold the 26th International Workshop on Global Security in Istanbul, Turkey between 25-28th June 2009.

I have no doubt about that the Workshop will establish a useful basis to emphasize the importance of further developments in global security and will promote cooperation and collaboration among the participants. Moreover, it will set up an outstanding common ground for fruitful discussions and a useful exchange of ideas and views.

While looking forward to seeing you in Turkey, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

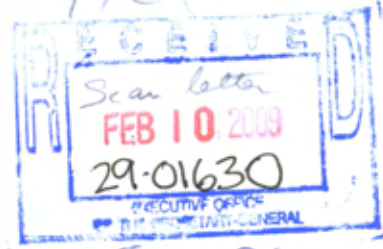
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