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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On 6 June 2014, I will be hosting an international event in the form of a cultural evening and concert, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, centred on the theme of my presidency: "The Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!" The event will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall (NLB).

The Post-2015 Development Agenda will, at a minimum, build on the successes and lessons learned from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with the eradication of extreme poverty as its overarching objective. My event will therefore aim at giving greater attention to this overarching objective.

As the international community prepares to usher in this new development framework that will become the Post-2015 Development Agenda – a framework anchored on the principles of sustainable development – a number of world leaders, engaged institutions and personalities, socially-conscious performing artists and celebrities have accepted to lend their support, voices, names and talent to this event.

This initiative, while engaging non-traditional actors as partners in global development efforts, will also open up new spaces for participation, through the use of social media platforms, and will showcase a variety of performing artists from various countries, including some from the Least-developed Countries (LDCs) for whom the eradication of poverty is a particular and prevailing challenge.

Attendance by a diverse audience from a wide range of entities is anticipated, including high-level representatives from UN Member States, senior officials and staff of the UN system, NGOs and representatives of civil society organizations, celebrities, academia, and the private sector.

I have the honour to extend a personal invitation to you for the event and would be grateful if you would consider making remarks at the opening of the concert.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
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