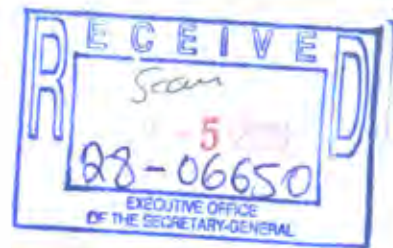


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To:  
Secretary-General



MINISTER-PRESIDENT

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
of the United Nations

No.: 3065199

The Hague, 26 May 2008

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

Thank you for your invitation to the High Level Meeting on AIDS to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 11 June 2008. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend. I have therefore designated the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ed Kronenburg, to head the Dutch delegation.

The Netherlands attaches great importance to this meeting and its objective of reviewing the progress achieved thus far with respect to the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS. As a bilateral donor, the Netherlands believes it is of the utmost importance to ensure that everyone has access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. The Netherlands is deeply committed to a comprehensive global response to the epidemic.

I therefore strongly support your appeal to all member states to participate in this High Level Meeting and send a broad-based delegation that includes representatives of civil society, relevant ministries, parliamentarians and people living with HIV. The Netherlands is sending such a delegation. The members' credentials will be submitted as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende  
Prime Minister of the Netherlands



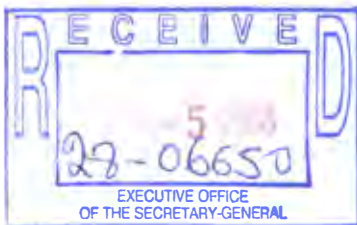


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