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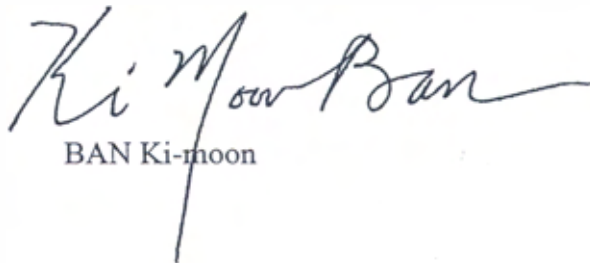
Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

Je voudrais vous remercier pour votre lettre du 2 mars 2008, par laquelle vous m'invitez à prendre part à une conférence de haut niveau qui sera organisée le 25 avril 2008 à Port-au-Prince, dans le cadre du lancement de la Stratégie Nationale pour la Croissance et la Réduction de la Pauvreté dans votre pays.

Je suis au regret de vous annoncer qu'en raison d'engagements antérieurs je ne serai pas en mesure de participer à cette importante rencontre. J'espère que cette conférence permettra d'aboutir à un cadre de coopération renforcé entre votre pays et les partenaires internationaux.

Je souhaite plein succès à vos travaux.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, les assurances de ma très haute considération.


BAN Ki-moon

Son Excellence
Monsieur Jacques-Edouard Alexis
Premier Ministre de la République d'Haïti
Port-au-Prince

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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Le Secrétaire général vous serait reconnaissant de bien vouloir transmettre la lettre ci-jointe à Son Excellence Monsieur Jacques-Edouard Alexis, Premier Ministre de la République d'Haïti.

Une copie de cette lettre est jointe pour votre information.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Le Directeur du Cabinet

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar

Son Excellence
Monsieur Léo Mérorès
Représentant permanent de la République d'Haïti
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
New York

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Le Premier Ministre

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Le 05 mars 2008

Monsieur Ban Ki MOON
Secrétaire Général des Nations Unies (ONU)
First Avenue & 46 Street
New York, NY 10017 - USA

Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,

Le Cadre de Coopération Intérimaire (CCI) qui servait de référence à la coopération entre la République d'Haïti et ses partenaires internationaux est arrivé à terme à la fin de l'année 2007 et mon Gouvernement a proposé de le remplacer par la Stratégie Nationale pour la Croissance et la Réduction de la Pauvreté.


Dans le but de convenir du cadre de financement de cette Stratégie avec la Communauté Internationale, j'ai l'honneur de vous inviter à participer, par la présente, à une Conférence de Haut Niveau sous l'égide du Président République, Son Excellence Monsieur René Préval. Cette Conférence, qui se tiendra à **Port-au-Prince le 25 avril 2008**, aura les objectifs suivants :

- ✓ Confirmer une entente pluripartite sur le financement triennal de la Stratégie Nationale pour la Croissance et la Réduction de la Pauvreté.
- ✓ Convenir des moyens pour sécuriser les engagements et assurer la prévisibilité de l'aide en matière d'appui budgétaire 2008-2011.
- ✓ Mettre au point un programme de transition visant l'application des principes de la Déclaration de Paris.

Vous trouverez l'agenda de la conférence, la fiche technique ainsi que le formulaire d'inscription y relatifs à l'adresse suivante :

www.conferenceinternationalesncrp.primature.gouv.ht

Comptant sur votre participation pour le plein succès de cette Conférence, je saisis l'occasion pour vous renouveler, **Monsieur le Secrétaire Général**, l'assurance de ma Haute considération.


Jacques-Édouard ALEXIS

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*Mission Permanente de la République d'Haïti
auprès des Nations Unies*



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La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies présente ses compliments au Service du Protocole et de Liaison de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et a l'honneur de lui faire parvenir pour être transmis à Son Haut Destinataire, un pli de Son Excellence Monsieur Jacques Edouard Alexis, Premier Ministre de la République d'Haïti, adressé au Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation, Son Excellence Monsieur Ban Ki-moon.

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès des Nations Unies saisit l'occasion pour renouveler au Service du Protocole et de Liaison de l'Organisation des Nations Unies les assurances de sa haute considération.


New York, le 3 avril 2008

**SERVICE DU PROTOCOLE ET DE LIAISON
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NEW YORK**



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
AND FINANCING OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR GROWTH
AND POVERTY REDUCTION
Port-au-Prince, Haiti – April 25, 2008

General Information

1. Objectives

1. To reaffirm a multi-party agreement on a three-year financing plan for the National Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction.
2. To draw up a procedure for the concretization of commitments and to plan budgetary aid disbursements for 2008-2011.
3. To set up a transition program aimed at implementing the principles of the Paris Declaration.

1. Place

The Conference will be held in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on April 25, 2008 at the Karibe Convention Center. A thematic workshop will take place the preceding day, April 24.

1. Registration

Members of official delegations, observers and national guests should register no later than March 31, 2008. It is necessary to fill out the form provided for this purpose and return it to the Conference Secretariat at the following electronic address: conferenceinternationalesncrp@primature.gouv.ht or by fax at (509)2224-8617. Each delegation is limited to five (5) members including the head of delegation.

For security reasons, absolutely no changes in the composition of a delegation will be accepted after April 18, 2008.

1. Press accreditation

Press card will be issued to members of both national and international press one week prior to the opening of the Conference. Requests for accreditation should be forwarded at least one month prior to the conference date by e-mail at conferenceinternationalesncrp@primature.gouv.ht or by fax at (509) 2224-8617.

1. Welcoming services

In order to facilitate arrival and departure of the delegations, a team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol Office will be stationed at Port-au-Prince International Airport from the eve of the Conference

until the day after its closing.

All delegates are invited to communicate all relevant information concerning their flights schedule (including time of arrival and departure, airline, flight number) to the Conference Secretariat no later than April 15, 2008. They will be greeted at the airport and transported to their respective hotel.

1. Security

Security of the delegates is the Haitian Government's sole responsibility. The National Police of Haiti will take all necessary measures jointly with the MINUSTAH (United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti) to ensure the security of every delegation and every delegates throughout the Conference. Strict security measures will be enforced for access to the Conference activities, and staff will be instructed to authorize on the site only participants exhibiting the proper badge. It is recommended that participants wear their badge on a conspicuous place such as their lapel.

A badge will be included in the registration package issued to every participant.

Registration packages, including security laissez-passer, will be available at the Conference Secretariat located on AMOCCI's premises at Delmas 60 as follows:

1. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 5h30 p.m.

Each delegation is invited to designate a representative to pick-up the registration packages for all of its members. Each representative will be asked to identify him/herself and sign a receipt.

1. Lodging and Transport

Lodging and transport are incumbent upon the delegations or their representatives in Haiti. For your convenience, a list of recommended hotels is provided below:

Karibe Convention Center	(509)2257-6565	info@hotelkinam.com
Hotel Montanan	(509)2229-4000	htmontana@aol.com
Hotel El Rancho	(509)2257-2082 to 2089	elrancho@acn2.net
Hotel Kinam	(509)2257-4553/4557/0462	info@hotelkinam.com
Hotel Villa Creole	(509)2257-1570/1571/1609	villacreole@aol.com
Hotel Ritz Kinam II	(509)2257-6520/6521/6508	info@hotelkinam.com
La Réserve	(509)2510-5026/4676	
Hotel Oloffson	(509)2221-2737 – 223-0919	Fax: 2223-4000

1. Visa formalities and departure tax

For delegates from countries such as Colombia, Dominican Republic, the People's Republic of China, an entry visa to Haiti can be obtained free of charge from the General Consulate or the Honorary Consulate of Haiti in their country of origin or upon their arrival at the Immigration Service at Port-au-Prince International Airport. The departure tax is included in the airfare. If needed, delegates can obtain customs tax exemption for any equipment necessary for the Conference, provided that prior request was submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol Office with specifications of material and equipment to be covered.

1. Ceremonial and Protocol

The conference is divided in two segments: an official and a technical part. The official part which will

take place on April 25 includes the inaugural ceremony, speeches from Heads of delegations and closing ceremony. The technical part (to be held on April 24) will encompass debates on the essential themes of the conference such as the implementation of the Declaration of Paris, financing modalities for development aid including budgetary support (final themes to be retained will be decided shortly).

The inaugural ceremony will be presided by the President of Haiti, His Excellency, Mr. René Préval and the closing ceremony by the Head of the Government, His Excellency, Prime Minister Jacques-Édouard Alexis.

In the evening of April 24, donor representatives will hold a cocktail party for members of delegations at the Karibe Convention Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On April 25, His Excellency, Prime Minister Jacques-Édouard Alexis will host a cocktail party in honor of the Heads of delegations. Delegates will be transported by bus from their respective hotel to the Karibe Convention Center.

Simultaneous translations in French, English and Spanish will be available throughout the conference.

1. Medical services

An infirmary will be located at the Conference site and an ambulance will be on stand-by throughout for emergency purposes.

1. Telecommunications

International calls and wireless access to the internet will be available from the Conference site.

1. Background information on Haiti

The Republic of Haiti occupies the western third of the Island of Haiti, the second largest island in the Greater Antilles after Cuba, the Dominican Republic occupying its eastern part. Haiti covers an area of 27,750 square kilometers with a population of 8.4 million inhabitants, 60% of which live in rural areas. Haiti lies 80 km east of Cuba with the Windward Channel separating them, and 1280 km southeast of Florida.

Haiti enjoys a tropical climate with two rainy seasons (spring and fall) and two dry seasons (winter and summer). The temperature varies between 25° and 30° C in coastal areas and between 15° and 20° C in the mountainous regions. In Port-au-Prince, the Capital, temperatures vary between 20° and 24° C.

Plagued by social and political instability since the early 1980s, Haiti has been relatively calm since the election of René Préval to the Presidency. There has been noticeable improvement in the security area, due not only to the joint efforts of the National Police of Haiti and the troops of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), but also to the new political governmental orientations based on political dialogue, social harmony and economic recovery measures.

1. Internet sites for background information on Haiti

www.mpce.gouv.ht

www.mefhaiti.gouv.ht

www.ihsi.ht

www.brh.net

www.haititourisme.org

1. Resource persons

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