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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the original invitation letter of H.E. Mr. Abulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, to be held in Baku from May 29 to June 1, 2013 (attached).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 13 March 2013



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**Mr. Ban Ki-moon**  
**Secretary-General**  
**United Nations**

**Dear Secretary-General,**

It's my pleasure to invite you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue which will be held from May 29 to June 1, 2013 in Baku in partnership with UNESCO, UN Alliance of Civilizations, UN World Tourism Organization, Council of Europe, CoE North-South Center and ISESCO. *The opening ceremony of the World Forum and the 1<sup>st</sup> East-West Ministerial Conference will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2013.*

The programme of the upcoming forum implies several sessions and side events to be prepared and led by partner organizations, including the celebration of "Do one thing for Diversity and Inclusion", Intercultural Innovation Award ceremony for Central Asia, Black Sea and Mediterranean regions, 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Meeting of the "Emerging Leaders Network", conference of "Global Network Towards a global intercultural cities learning community", the workshop "Intercultural Dialogue through History Teaching: Best Practices and Challenges", the sessions of "Tourism as a key driver of mutual understanding and tolerance among cultures", "Harnessing intercultural competences and global citizenship", and "Capitals of Culture: trends and roles, intercultural dialogue through faith and science" etc.

As you may already be aware that the 1<sup>st</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue held on 7-9 April, 2011 in Baku under the patronage of H.E. Mr. İlham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in partnership with UNESCO, UN Alliance of Civilizations, Council of Europe, CoE North-South Center and ISESCO has become one of the most significant examples of joint endeavors of the Government of Azerbaijan and a roster of leading international organizations. More than 500 representatives from 102 countries and many international organizations, NGOs, media representatives, scholars, experts etc. participated in the above-mentioned Forum organized under the motto - "United through Common Values, Enriched by Cultural Diversity".

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism will be happy to cover accommodation, meals and international transportation expenses related to your visit. We would be grateful if you could book the dates of the Forum in your agenda. In case you have any further questions related to the forum, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mails: [v.eyvazzade@mct.gov.az](mailto:v.eyvazzade@mct.gov.az), [mct@mct.gov.az](mailto:mct@mct.gov.az), [info@bakuforum-icd.az](mailto:info@bakuforum-icd.az), [bakuforum2013@gmail.com](mailto:bakuforum2013@gmail.com), [vasifeyvazzade@gmail.com](mailto:vasifeyvazzade@gmail.com); Phone: (+99412) 493 02 33; (+99412) 493 30 85, Fax (+99412) 493 65 38. All the necessary information about Baku Forum will be available from February 1, 2013 on the website - [www.bakuforum-icd.az](http://www.bakuforum-icd.az).

Looking forward to seeing you in Baku,

**Yours sincerely,**

Minister

**Abulfas Garayev**

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