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Note to Mr. Duarte

Inauguration of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific in Kathmandu, Nepal

I would like to refer to your note of 17 July 2008 requesting me to represent the Secretary-General at the inauguration of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific on 18 August 2008 in Kathmandu.

While I will be on official leave during that time, the Secretary-General has requested me to represent him and deliver his message at this important event. I shall accordingly be pleased to do so.

Please be advised that the Scheduling Office will coordinate with ODA to work out the specific details for my participation.

Thank you.


Vijay Nambiar
22 July 2008

cc: Mr. Kim

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22/07/2008 10:01 AM

To Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
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bcc
Subject Fw: Representation at the UN Regional Center in Nepal

We will need the nature and date of the event? Thanks.

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Vijay Nambiar/NY/UNO
22/07/2008 09:46 AM

To Annika Savill
cc
Subject Fw: Representation at the UN Regional Center in Nepal

I shall need a message

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Yeocheol Yoon/NY/UNO
22/07/2008 09:21 AM

To "Vijay Nambiar" <nambiarv@un.org>
cc
Subject Representation at the UN Regional Center in Nepal

SG, at my enquiry this morning, mentioned that he would appreciate it, if you could represent him in Nepal.

I am sending the original note from ODA back to your office, with a copy in my office for action.

Thanks.

Yeocheol

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MESSAGE FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE
FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Kathmandu, 18 August 2008

*Delivered by Mr. Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet*

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to all who have gathered in Kathmandu to commemorate the opening of the new United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific. I thank President Ram Baran Yadav and the Government of Nepal for their generous assistance in establishing this office. I also commend the forty-three member countries of Asia and the Pacific for their shared commitment to the Centre as it commences its work in this beautiful city.

The General Assembly established the Centre in 1987 to provide substantive support for peace and disarmament activities agreed upon by the Member States of the region. Originally headquartered in New York, the Centre has promoted transparency and confidence-building in disarmament related matters, while also serving as a forum for dialogue on regional security concerns.

The Centre's activities span nuclear proliferation, the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons, the hazards of landmines and explosive remnants of war, the costs of armed conflicts, and the rise of organized crime and terrorism. Each of these issues is as vast and diverse as the region itself.

Yet these challenges are hardly exclusive to the Asia and Pacific region. That is why UN efforts to strengthen international peace and security have consistently stressed the importance of progress in disarmament and non-proliferation at all levels, national, regional and international. In particular, UN Regional Centres in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean are also actively involved in promoting these aims in their respective regions.

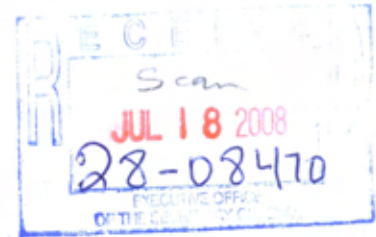
The UN is most effective when it acts in partnership with our Member States. I therefore call on all countries in the Asia and Pacific region to work closely with the Regional Centre. As we expand our cooperation, the UN will continue to promote dialogue and confidence-building initiatives in the region. In addition, the Centre stands ready to assist States in undertaking practical disarmament measures, implementing legal obligations, and for the training of personnel.

I believe that the Centre will live up to the high expectations we all harbor for it. I am similarly confident that, by working together, we will succeed in making the entire Asia and Pacific region a centre of peace and disarmament.

Thank you very much.

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Note to Mr. Nambiar

**Inauguration of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in
Asia and the Pacific in Kathmandu, Nepal**

1. In July 2007, the United Nations and the Government of Nepal signed the Host Country Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding for the relocation of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament (RCPD) from New York to Kathmandu. At its 62nd session, the UN General Assembly welcomed the relocation of the Regional Centre to Kathmandu, Nepal, and requested the Secretary General to expedite the necessary preparations to enable the Centre to function effectively.
2. With the significant financial support and cooperation of the Government of Nepal, the preparations for the relocation of the Centre have been completed and the **inauguration ceremony of the Center is scheduled to take place in Kathmandu, on 18 August 2008.**
3. The Centre was mandated by the General Assembly to provide, on request, substantive support for initiatives and other activities mutually agreed upon by the Member States of Asia-Pacific region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, through appropriate utilization of available resources. In this respect, it shall coordinate the implementation of regional activities of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the region.
4. The physical location of the Centre in Kathmandu allows the Centre to respond effectively to the requests and needs of the 43 States in the region confronted with an array of security and disarmament-related issues in a vast and diverse region.
5. Due to prior commitments, it would not be possible for me to travel to Kathmandu in August for the inauguration ceremony. As previously discussed, **I would be grateful if you would consider representing the Secretary-General at this event. My office will prepare the Message of the Secretary-General to be delivered on that occasion.** Your attendance at the inauguration ceremony would highlight the importance of the Regional Centre's mission and the significant role it would play in promoting peace, disarmament, and security in the region.

Sergio Duarte
17 July 2008

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I shall be on leave on
leave but am willing to
do so if SG desires it

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YYC SK agreed,
SN.