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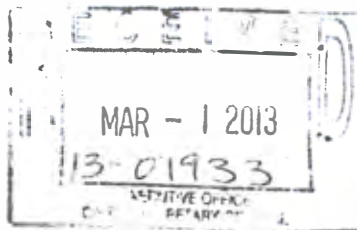
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1 March, 2013

Excellency,

Thank you for graciously accepting my invitation to attend a luncheon in your Excellency's honor and on the margin of the Committee on the Status of Women, on 11 March at 1:15 PM.

I will be grateful if you kindly deliver a statement in this luncheon about the Thematic Debate of this year's CSW which is the "Elimination and Prevention of all forms of Violence against Women and Girls", as well as the improvement in the situation of women in Iraq after the fall of Saddam's dictatorship and the establishment of democracy, freedom, human rights and the rule of law in Iraq.

On this occasion I would like to renew the assurances of my highest considerations. p

Sincerely,

*Hamid Al Bayati*

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Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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