



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

League of Arab States
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26 March 2008


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I would have wished to be present personally, but regret that I shall be unable to attend due to pressing official commitments. However, I am pleased to inform you that Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, will lead a delegation attending and read out a statement on my behalf. The United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization, Under-Secretary-General Robert H. Serry will also be part of the delegation.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my very best wishes for a successful Summit.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Walid Al-Moualem
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Syrian Arab Republic
Damascus

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Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Amre Moussa
Secretary-General of the
League of Arab States
Cairo

Note to Mr. Pascoe

Arab Summit

Thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the opening session of the Arab Summit, to be held in Damascus on 29 March 2008.

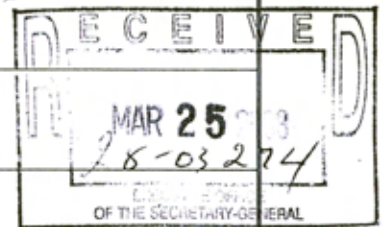
Please find attached a copy of the relevant correspondence.


Vijay Nambiar
26 March 2008

cc: Ms. Annika Savill

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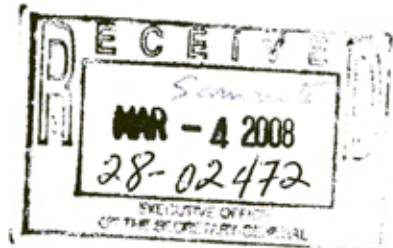
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**MESSAGE:**

As requested, please find attached for the Secretary-General's approval and signature two draft letters in response to invitations from H. E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and H.E. Mr. Walid Al-Moualem, the Foreign Minister of Syria, informing them of UN participation at the Arab Summit to be held in Damascus on 29 March 2008.

cc: Ms. Kane
Mr. Yoon

Drafter: Victor Poliakov (3-3312)
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Note to Mr. Vijay Nambiar

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At the request of your office I forward for the Secretary-General's signature a draft letter to H. E. Mr. Amre Moussa, informing him that Mr. Robert Serry will participate in the Arab Summit on 29 March 2008 on behalf of the Secretary-General.

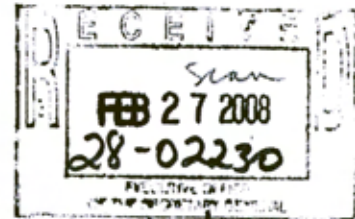


B. Lynn Pascoe
3 March 2008



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27 February 2008

Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit herewith an invitation letter extended to your Excellency from His Excellency Mr. Walid Al-Moualem, Foreign Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic, in which he invited your Excellency to attend the inauguration of the Arab Summit scheduled to take place in Damascus on March 29th 2008.

The original invitation letter will be forwarded to your Excellency as soon as received.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Bashar Ja'afari
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

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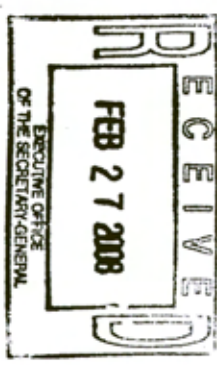


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الجمهورية العربية السورية
وزراء الخارجية

سماحي السيد بان كي مون

الأمين العام للأمم المتحدة



تحية طيبة،

يسعدني أن أتوجه بالدعوة لمعايكم لحضور الجلسة الاقتصادية لمؤتمر القمة العربية

المشرون التي ستنعقد في دمشق يوم ٢٩ آذار ٢٠٠٨ وفقاً لقرار قمة الرياض في العام ٢٠٠٧.

ولاني على ثقة بأن حضوركم لهذا الحدث الهام في دمشق والالتصالات التي يمكن أن

تجربونها فيها سيكون ذو أهمية خاصة، نظراً للتطورات المتلاحقة التي تشهدها الساحتان العربية

والدولية.

يسرني أن أسحب بكم في الجمهوروية العربية السورية، آملاً أن تكون هذه القمة

بداية جديدة نحو تطور علاقات الصداقة والتعاون عربياً ودولياً.

وتفضلوا بقبول التقدير والاعتبار.

دمشق الواقع في ١٩ صفر عام ١٤٢٩ هـ الموافق ٢٦ شباط سنة ٢٠٠٨ م

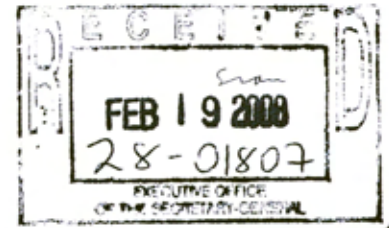
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February 18, 2008

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward a letter dated February 17, 2008, addressed to your Excellency from Mr. Amre Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States extending an invitation to you to attend the opening session of the Arab Summit to be held in Damascus – Syrian Arab Republic on March 29, 2008.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yahya Mahmassani


Ambassador

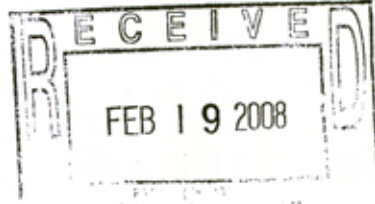
H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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United Nations

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الأمين العام



معالي السيد بان كي مون
الأمين العام للأمم المتحدة

تحية طيبة وبعد،

يسعدني أن أوجه إليكم الدعوة لحضور الجلسة الافتتاحية للدورة (20) لمجلس
جامعة الدول العربية على مستوى القمة المقرر عقدها في دمشق بالجمهورية العربية
السورية بتاريخ 2008/3/29.

وإنني أتطلع للقائكم في دمشق، وأن تكون هذه المناسبة فرصة لمواصلة التشاور
 والتنسيق معكم فيما يخص القضايا العربية المطروحة على جدول أعمال الجمعية العامة
للأمم المتحدة.

وأكون ممتناً لو تفضلتم بموافاة الأمانة العامة لجامعة الدول العربية بموعد وصولكم
حتى يتسنى اتخاذ اللازم.

وتفضلوا بقبول وافر الاحترام،

عمرو موسى
الأمين العام