



Re: (Regret + written message) Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : -invitation to the Secretary-General to be the keynote speaker at the International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh International Conference on "Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective" , Dhaka, 25-26 October 2014

Aminata Sy to: Daw Yi Mon Aung

20/08/2014 03:20 PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Amy Kyaw, Jackilyn Punsal, Mary Sack, Rommel Maranan, Ruxandra Ferascu

Dear Yi Mon,  
Received with many thanks.  
Ami

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Daw Yi Mon Aung Dear Rux and Ami, Please find attached letter of...

20/08/2014 02:42:31 PM

From: Daw Yi Mon Aung/NY/UNO  
To: Ruxandra.Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Aminata Sy/NY/UNO@UNHQ,  
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Mary Sack/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Amy Kyaw/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
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Dear Rux and Ami,

Please find attached letter of regret with written message to Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President of International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh on above mentioned invitation in Dhaka on 25 and 26 October 2014,

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Best regards,  
Yi Mon

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Daw Yi Mon Aung to: bangladesh, bdpmny

20/08/2014 02:40 PM

Cc: info, iccb, Alexandra Barahona Posada, Mary Sack, Jackilyn Punsal, Amy Kyaw, Rommel Maranan

From: Daw Yi Mon Aung/NY/UNO  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to His Excellency Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President of International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh, regarding the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
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18 August 2014

Dear Mr. Rahman,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 19 June 2014, inviting him to be the keynote speaker at the International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh International Conference on “Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective”, to be held in Dhaka on 25 and 26 October 2014. I would also like to acknowledge your request for the Secretary-General to provide a video message, should he be unable to attend the Conference.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation and your request. Unfortunately, he will neither be able to attend nor provide a video message, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands on his schedule. However, I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has decided to send a written message, which will be made available to you closer to the date of the conference.

Allow me to take this opportunity to convey the best wishes of the Secretary-General for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' and 'M' intertwined.

Susana Malcorra  
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Mahbubur Rahman  
President  
International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh  
Dhaka

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18 August 2014

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, President of the International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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



Susana Malcorra  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Abulkalam Abdul Momen  
Permanent Representative of the  
People's Republic of Bangladesh  
to the United Nations  
New York



**Fw: 14-05508 Invitation for message - Request from Bangladesh for ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, 25 October**

Ruxandra Ferascu to: Rommel Maranan, Jackilyn Punsal  
Cc: Aminata Sy

08/08/2014 02:29 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Rommel and Jackie,

After a lot of back and forth it has been decided that **we will provide a written message**. Should we reply to Bangladesh in advance and who should send the reply?

Thank you.  
Rux.

----- Forwarded by Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO on 08/08/2014 02:28 PM -----

From: Richard Amdur/NY/UNO  
To: Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ,  
Cc: Aminata Sy/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Date: 05/08/2014 11:11 AM  
Subject: Re: Fw: 14-05508 Invitation for message - Request from Bangladesh for ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, 25 October

patrick also spoke to me. i think we will provide a short message even tho gc says no. grateful if you could send me the email chain. thanks.

Ruxandra Ferascu Global Compact came back last night saying tha... 05/08/2014 11:03:55 AM

From: Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO  
To: Richard Amdur/NY/UNO@UNHQ,  
Cc: Aminata Sy/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Date: 05/08/2014 11:03 AM  
Subject: Re: Fw: 14-05508 Invitation for message - Request from Bangladesh for ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, 25 October

Global Compact came back last night saying that they don't recommend even a written message - as it is a regional focused event. I told Patrick on the hallway but I think he wanted to continue this discussion today - saying that Kofi Annan also provided a message to them for a similar event. What is the next step?

Thank you.

Richard Amdur i spoke to patrick about this. let's just keep it list... 24/07/2014 01:14:08 PM  
Ruxandra Ferascu Here it is. We gave it to you on 26 June - but Sc... 17/07/2014 07:09:06 PM

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File attachments

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**Audit Trail**

Entered by	Michelle Rakotojaona on 25/06/2014 04:10 PM
Edited last by	Rommel Maranan on 15/07/2014 07:17 PM



**Fw: 14-05508 - invitation to SG to ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, Bangladesh, 25-26 October 2014 (or video message)**

Rommel Maranan to: Ruxandra Ferascu, Aminata Sy

16/07/2014 12:19 PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Jackilyn Punsal

Dear Rux and Ami,

The office of CdC informed us that the CdC received a demarche from the Bangladesh Mission, for SG to send either a video or a written message for this event. CdC asked that this case be re-opened (as initially, it was going to be a simple regret with no message).

Grateful for Speechwriters' advice whether SG should send either a video or written message, so we can respond to the organizers accordingly.

Many thanks,  
Rommel

----- Forwarded by Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO on 16/07/2014 12:17 PM -----

From: Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO  
To: Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Aminata Sy/NY/UNO@UNHQ,  
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Daw Yi Mon Aung/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Date: 01/07/2014 06:12 PM  
Subject: 14-05508 - invitation to SG to ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, Bangladesh, 25-26 October 2014 (or video message)

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Dear Rux and Ami,

FYI, per Mr. Chang's instruction, we are regretting SG's participation OR sending a video message in the ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery, to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 25-26 October 2014 (Corlog# 14-05508).

Thank you,  
Rommel



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**Invitation to the SG**

Lorea Salterain to: Rommel Maranan

Cc: Jackilyn Punsal

15/07/2014 07:06 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Rommel,

We talked before about a follow-up call the CdC received from the Mission of Bangladesh on the invitation 14-05508.

According to the audit trail, the invitation is supposed to be regretted but they are requesting either a video-message or a written message. The CdC has asked me to activate it.

Grateful for your assistance.

Best,

Lorea Salterain  
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Tel. 212-963-5174





**Bangladesh**

**International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh**

*The world business organization*

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**Mahbubur Rahman**  
President

19 June, 2014

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

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**Invitation to be our Keynote Speaker at the  
ICC International Conference on  
Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective  
Dhaka, Bangladesh, 25-26 October, 2014**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

*Dear Mr. Secretary General,*

I have the pleasure to inform you that ICC International Conference on Global Economic Recovery: Asian Perspective will be organized by the Bangladesh National Committee of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), *The world business organization*, in conjunction with the celebration of 20th Year of ICC's presence in Bangladesh on 25-26 October, 2014 in Dhaka. The Conference is expected to be inaugurated by the Hon'ble President/Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

You are aware that the global economic recovery is expected to pick up pace this year but it will remain "weak and uneven". Growth prospects for 2014 are, however, sensitive to the tapering of monetary stimulus in the United States, which began earlier in January, and to the structural shifts taking place in China's economy. In the past, Asia has played a key role in overcoming the economic downturn by maintaining steady growth.

**In view of this, we would like to invite you to be our Keynote Speaker at the Inaugural Session on 25 October 2014 to share your thoughts and ideas as to the strategies that the Asian countries may adopt to play its role in global economic recovery and the role of the UN System.**

You may be aware that ICC, *The world business organization* having its HQs in Paris, was established in 1919 with the philosophy of promoting Free Market Economy and to facilitate cross-border business transactions without let or hindrance. Since then, ICC has been formulating various rules and guidelines from time to time for international trade and investment which are endorsed by the United Nations. ICC's 6.5 million member companies in over 130 countries have interests spanning in every sector of private enterprise. It works in close cooperation with G7-8/G-20, World Bank, ADB, OECD, UNCTAD, WTO and several other UN agencies for promotion, protection and development of world economy.

For your kind information, Republic of France introduced a 'Draft Resolution' requesting Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in the General Assembly during Sixth Committee Meeting of 67th General Assembly.

You are aware that over the past ten years, the private sector has increasingly become an active partner in helping the United Nations achieve its goals as a complement to Government action. In the last eighteen months, the relationship with the private sector has become even more important as the role of business in generating employment and wealth through trade, investment and finance has notably increased.

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*Dear ABP,  
pls check  
#11-05508  
pls regret  
CWJ*

**Mahbubur Rahman**  
President

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You will be pleased to know that a 2-day International Conference on "Global Economic Governance and Challenges of Multilateralism" was held in Dhaka in January, 2004 in celebration of 10th Anniversary of ICC Bangladesh. The Conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh and Prime Minister of Thailand was the Keynote Speaker. Heads of a number of international agencies including, Governor of Japan Bank, WTO Director General, EU Commissioner for Trade, UNCTAD Secretary General, UNESCAP Executive Secretary, six ministers from three continents, Bangladesh Ministers, ICC Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary General and more than 500 participants from 38 countries attended this event.

**In the same Conference we were privileged to have a 'Video Message' from the then UN Secretary General His Excellency Mr.Kofi Atta Annan.**

We have also invited ICC Global Chairman Mr. Harold McGraw III of USA; ICC Vice Chairman Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal from India; Dr. Victor K. Fung, Chairman, ICC World Trade Agenda Initiative from Hong Kong; Chairman of ICC World Chambers Federation (WCF) Peter Mihok and other senior officials of ICC, Paris to join at the Conference.

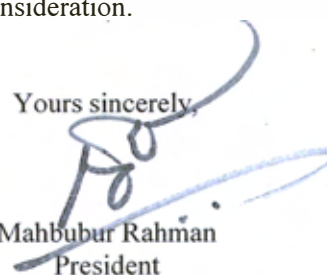
On behalf ICC Bangladesh Members, I would request you to kindly accept our invitation and deliver the Keynote Address at this most important Event on World Economy.

**In the event it is absolutely impossible for you to join us in Dhaka, I shall be thankful if you send us a 'Video Message' to be played at the Inaugural Session and also send a Senior official from UN Hq to represent you at the Conference.**

Assuring you, Honourable Secretary General, of our highest consideration.

*With warm regards,*

Yours sincerely,



**Mahbubur Rahman**  
President

## Message from the Secretary General, United Nations



It gives me great pleasure to send my greetings to this conference on global economic governance and challenges of multilateralism.

In September 2000, world leaders adopted the Millennium Declaration, in which they committed themselves to address common threats to peace and security, to meet agreed development goals, and to advance human rights and democracy. While that vision remains valid, recent events – from the war in Iraq to the setback in trade talks at Cancun – have upset the consensus behind it. Deep divergences of opinion have emerged on the challenges we face, and how best to address them.

Many people have come to see the dominant threats to peace and security as terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. They worry that the international architecture is not up to meeting them. But for many other people, especially in poor countries, the threats that really destabilize lives are quite different: civil wars fought with conventional, even low-tech, weapons; poverty, AIDS and environmental degradation; and a trading system that seems to deny them a fair chance to compete. They worry that these issues are being neglected, despite promises made at world conferences.

These challenges and threats are closely linked. A world not advancing towards the Millennium Development Goals will not be a world at peace. And a world awash in violence and conflict will have little chance of achieving the goals. But if the common ground we used to stand on no longer seems solid, we must seek new common ground for our collective efforts. And we need to consider whether the United Nations itself is well-suited to the challenges ahead.

Those are the tasks I have assigned to a Panel of sixteen highly respected and experienced people from all parts of the world. The panel is chaired by former Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun of Thailand, and includes outstanding experts on both security and development issues. Its role is threefold: to analyze current and future threats to peace security; to assess the contribution which collective action can make in meeting those threats; and to recommend and changes needed to make the United Nations a legitimate and effective instrument for a collective response. I hope to make bold recommendations to the General Assembly later this year.

The ultimate decisions can only be taken by the Member States. But meetings such as this one in Dhaka, which bring together leaders from government and key stakeholders such as the private sector, are important in shaping the collective response we need in an era of globalization and interdependence. Thank you for your participation and your commitment. I would also like to congratulate the International Chamber of Commerce – Bangladesh on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference.

Kofi A. Annan  
Secretary General, United Nations