



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

UN Peace Messengers

19 September 2007

Dear Mr. Barenboim,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to serve as one of my Messengers of Peace and to join me in expanding awareness about the United Nations and our work towards progress in four priority areas – peace and security, climate change, the Millennium Development Goals, and human rights.

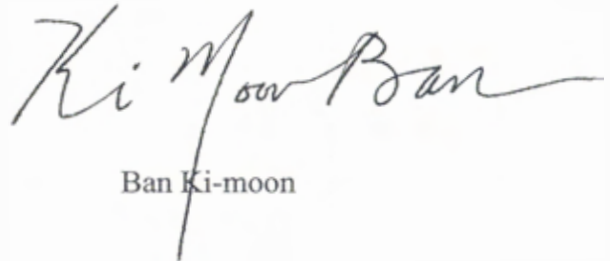
Over the past decade, United Nations Messengers of Peace, a select group of prominent individuals appointed by the Secretary-General, have generously volunteered to raise public awareness about the Organization and the challenges and opportunities that we collectively face.

I am convinced you would be a persuasive and powerful Messenger of Peace given your role as the co-founder of the East-West Divan Orchestra, and your efforts to promote peace and tolerance through the shared language of music.

I hope you would agree to join me as a United Nations Messenger of Peace, and to contribute to our efforts to create a more peaceful and secure world where human rights are universally respected.

I enclose, for your information, the *Terms of Reference for the United Nations Messengers of Peace Programme*.

Yours sincerely,

  
Ban Ki-moon

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Mr. Daniel Barenboim  
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## UNITED NATIONS MESSENGERS OF PEACE PROGRAMME TERMS OF REFERENCE

The United Nations has a tradition of enlisting the volunteer services and support of prominent individuals from the worlds of art, sport, literature and entertainment to highlight priority issues and to draw attention to its activities. The Secretary-General has invited a number of high profile individuals to serve as Messengers of Peace for a period of three years. These prominent individuals contribute to United Nations efforts to raise awareness of the aims, objectives and priorities of the Organization, to convey messages about its activities and to extend its public outreach.

### Role of Messengers of Peace

Messengers of Peace may, at the invitation or request of a the Secretary-General or UN Office, engage in public advocacy; fundraising where authorized and in accordance with the applicable regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the United Nations and in public awareness activities. They may participate in certain United Nations events and visit United Nations operations in the field.

### Terms of Reference

Unit Nations Messengers of Peace are expected to:

- Respect the impartiality and independence of the United Nations and to refrain from any conduct that would adversely reflect on the United Nations;
- Refrain from any activity incompatible with the purposes and principles of the United Nations;
- Exercise good judgment and discretion in all matters relating to the performance of their functions for the United Nations;
- Obtain guidance on their specific activities from the Head of the relevant UN Office, and/or staff assigned to liaise with them.
- Be knowledgeable about United Nations goals and be able to articulate them.

### Conditions of Service

Messengers of Peace shall be designated for a period of three years, renewable, based on mutual agreement by the parties on the basis of satisfactory fulfillment of the role and their demonstrated interest in continuing the relationship.

Messengers of Peace shall not be paid a salary, although a symbolic payment of \$1 per year or equivalent may be granted to them. Messengers of Peace may be given travel and daily subsistence allowances when they are traveling on behalf of the United Nations, **funding permitting.**

When on official travel or performing services for the United Nations, Messengers of Peace are considered as having the status of “Expert on Mission” for the United Nations within the meaning of Section 22, Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946 (“the General Convention”).

As “Experts on Mission”, Messengers of Peace shall not be entitled to a United Nations laissez-passer. However, they shall be entitled to a certificate that they are traveling on official business of the United Nations, and should be accorded facilities for speedy travel, similar to those accorded to holders of the UN laissez-passer, by Governments that are parties to the General Convention (Sections 25 and 26, Article VII of the General Convention).

When traveling on behalf of the United Nations, a Messenger of Peace shall be entitled to the standard of travel normally accorded to senior Secretariat officials, **funding permitting**.

Messengers of Peace who are authorized to travel at United Nations expense or who are requested to perform services on behalf of the United Nations shall, in the event of injury, illness or death attributable to the performance of duties on behalf of the United Nations, be entitled to compensation in accordance with ST/SGB/103/Rev.1. Such compensation shall be the sole compensation payable by the United Nations in respect of such service-related death, injury or illness.

Messengers of Peace shall be fully responsible for arranging, at their own expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance covering the period of their services on behalf of the United Nations, as they consider appropriate. They are not eligible to participate in the life or health insurance schemes available to United Nations staff members. The responsibility of the United Nations is limited solely to the payment of compensation under the conditions described in the paragraph above.

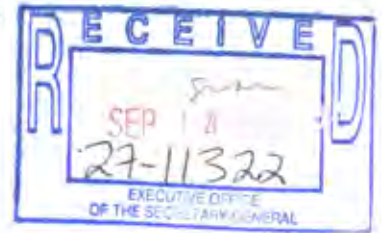
### **Termination**

The designation of a Messenger of Peace shall be terminated if, in the view of the Secretary-General, the designee is unable or unwilling to carry out the role envisaged in the terms of reference, if the Messenger of Peace engages in any activity incompatible with his/her status or with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, or if the termination is in the interest of the Organization.

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**NOTE TO MR. NAMBIAR**

**Mr. Daniel Barenboim**



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Further to my note of 13 August 2007, I wish to advise that Mr. Daniel Barenboim has confirmed his interest in serving as a United Nations Messenger of Peace. Due to a prior engagement, he will, however, not be able to attend the International Day of Peace observance on 21 September 2007.

Please find attached a draft letter of invitation from the Secretary-General to Mr. Barenboim.

For your information, the confirmed Messengers of Peace are:

- Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein (Jordan)
- Paulo Coelho (Brazil)
- Michael Douglas (United States)
- Jane Goodall (United Kingdom)
- Yo-Yo Ma (United States)
- Elie Wiesel (United States)

Ms. Midori Goto (Japan) has been approached, but no response has been received at this point. Additional research is being conducted to identify candidates from Africa and other regions.

Kiyo Akasaka  
14 September 2007

cc: Mr. Kim  
Mr. Meyer  
Ms. Montas