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Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 9 April 2014, inviting him to the Opening and Closing segments of the interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature, to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 22 April 2014.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend the Opening and Closing segments of this event, in view of prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule on the said date. However, I am pleased to inform you that he has designated Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-agency Affairs, to represent him at the Closing segment and deliver a message to participants on his behalf. The office of Mr. Gass will be in touch with your office to discuss the details of his participation.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey the best wishes of the Secretary-General for a successful dialogue.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. John W. Ashe
President of the General Assembly
New York

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Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: Opening and Closing segments of the interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature, United Nations Headquarters, 22 April 2014

Jackilyn Punsal to: Frances Fuller 21/04/2014 06:00 PM
Cc: Saijin Zhang, Mary Sack

Frances Fuller *Dear Ms. Punsal, Thank you for your email and I acknowledge receipt.*

Dear Ms. Fuller,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.

Response to Invitation_Interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature.pdf

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jackilyn Punsal
Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
Room S-3862
Tel: 212-963-7428
e-mail: punsal@un.org

Note to Mr. Gass

Closing segment of the interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature

I would like to thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the Closing segment of the interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature, to be held at United Nations Headquarters, on 22 April 2014.

Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards.

Susana Malcorra
21 April 2014

Representation of the Secretary-General: Opening and Closing segments of the interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature, United Nations Headquarters, 22 April 2014

Jackilyn Punsal to: Phyllis Roberts 21/04/2014 06:04 PM

Cc: Kay Govia, Mary Sack, Ruxandra Ferascu, Aminata Sy

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Kay Govia 21/04/2014 06:04 PM	AUTO: Kay Govia/NY/UNO is out o

Dear Ms. Roberts,

Grateful if you can please convey the attached scan of a note from the Chef de Cabinet and relevant correspondence to Mr. Thomas Gass, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.

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Re: GA Meeting on Harmony with Nature will be held on 22 April 2014

Mary Sack to: Saijin Zhang 16/04/2014 05:50 PM

Cc: Ion Botnaru, ambiehl, Alexandra Barahona Posada, Jackilyn Punsal

	Saijin Zhang	*Thank you, Mary. How about the opening? From: Mary Sa*
	Mary Sack	*Dear Saijin, There will not be an SG representative*
	Saijin Zhang	*Thanks, Mary. From: Mary Sack/NY/UNO*

Dear Saijin,

We have just confirmed that ASG Gass will represent the SG for this event for the closing segment only (12:30 -1 p.m.) and will deliver a message on his behalf. We will be sending a formal communication stating this to the PGA's office shortly.

Best,
Mary

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Alexandra Barahona Posada | Dear Saijin, I understand from Josian... | 16/04/2014 05:44:15 PM

From: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO
To: Saijin Zhang/NY/UNO,
Cc: Ion Botnaru/NY/UNO@UNHQ, ambiehl@un.org, Mary Sack/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 16/04/2014 05:44 PM
Subject: GA Meeting on Harmony with Nature will be held on 22 April 2014

Dear Saijin,

I understand from Josiane, SG will not be in able to attend as he will preoccupied with all day events at SECCO retreat. I am looping in my colleague Mary Sack who is working to secure a representation for this event so she can respond on this item.

Regards,
Alex

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Saijin Zhang	Dear Alex, Just want to check if the SG will atten...	16/04/2014 05:38:01 PM

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In accordance with General Assembly 68/216 and in order to commemorate International Mother Earth Day, I have the honour to inform that an interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature will be held on 22 April, 2014 and wish to extend an invitation to you to deliver both opening and closing remarks at this event. The Opening and Closing segments will be from 10-10:30am, and 12:30-1pm, respectively. The venue of dialogue will be the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The overall theme of the dialogue will be "The promotion of a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through Harmony with Nature" and I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of the Concept Note for this event for your information. The Programme for the event will be forwarded under separate cover.

The dialogue, which will be held over a half day, includes two interactive, multi-stakeholder sessions, and will include the participation of Member States at the highest possible level, Observers, UN Agencies and representatives of civil society, the private sector, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

John W. Ashe

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To MS

- SG and DSG will be at the SC Retreat
- Can you look for a representative? Maybe USG WN?

Thank you, JA

cc: CWJ, ABP, RM, JP

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His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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CONCEPT NOTE

Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature to Commemorate International Mother Earth Day

United Nations Headquarters, Tuesday 22 April 2014

Background

In December 2013, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/68/216 requesting the President of the General Assembly to convene, at its sixty-eighth session, an interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature to commemorate International Mother Earth Day on 22 April 2014, with the participation of Member States, United Nations organizations and independent stakeholders to advance discussions on Harmony with Nature in order to promote a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The same resolution also encouraged giving appropriate consideration to the issue of Harmony with Nature in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

The concept of harmony with nature incorporates ideas of non-anthropocentric approaches to development i.e. approaches that consider the intrinsic value in every part of the environment and the need to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations.

Under the leadership of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, three dialogues have been held to date, to elaborate the principles of Harmony with Nature. This fourth dialogue on Harmony with Nature will allow participants to:

(i) Take stock of the four reports of the Secretary General as well as the three previously held dialogues, namely: "Ways to promote a holistic approach to sustainable development in Harmony with Nature and sharing national experiences on criteria and indicators for measuring sustainable development"; "Scientific findings on how human activities are affecting the Earth's Ecosystem" and "Economic approaches, in the context of sustainable development, to further a more ethical basis in the relationship between humanity and the Earth".

(ii) Begin the examination of appropriate strategies to operationalize and implement Harmony with Nature approaches; i.e. it will provide an opportunity to begin to consider practical strategies and approaches at the global, national and local levels for living in harmony with nature. Member States and other stakeholders will also hear from the increasing number of countries and communities where the rights of nature are recognized in the context of the promotion of sustainable development and where the respect for the environment is translated into practical measures that protect it.

(iii) Examine the policies, legal and institutional frameworks which must be put in place at the local, regional and international level for successful operationalization of Harmony with Nature approaches. In this regard, it is anticipated that the dialogue will *inter alia* highlight the view that in order to effectively achieve sustainable development, the international community must evolve its economic systems to respect Mother Earth and the well-being of present and future generations.

The fourth dialogue occurs at a critical juncture as the international community prepares to define a post-2015 development agenda. It offers thus a unique opportunity to conceptualize how that agenda could be oriented towards one more holistic and integrated for building a new paradigm that actually respects the limits of nature.

Objectives and expected outcome

The Interactive Dialogue will examine the key characteristics of a new, non-anthropocentric paradigm and begin to identify specific strategies on how the society subsequently would need to function consistent with this paradigm. Given the complexity of the task, the Dialogue will provide guidance to build up a knowledge network that will further advance this paradigm, upon which all the different approaches that reflect the drivers and values of living in Harmony with Nature will be rooted. These strategies will rely on the most current scientific information to achieve sustainable development, in light of the fundamental interconnections between humanity and Nature.

The Dialogue will also provide guidance for a knowledge network that will contribute to advance the different approaches that reflect the drivers and values of living in Harmony with Nature.

The outcome of the dialogue will be a summary of the President of the General Assembly.

Programme

The fourth dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature will be held in New York on 22 April, 2014. The overall theme of the dialogue will be: "The promotion of a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through Harmony with Nature".

The dialogue will include an opening segment, panel presentations, an interactive and multi stakeholder dialogue and a closing segment. In accordance with resolution A/RES/68/216 the panelists and chair will be drawn from amongst Member States, United Nations organizations, independent experts and other stakeholders.