



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 August 2012

Dear Mr. Gould,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 2 August 2012, inviting him to either participate in a live stream or send a video message to participants of the events marking the end of the International Year of Co-operatives, to be held in Manchester on 31 October 2012.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will neither be able to participate in a live stream nor send a video message, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule. Nevertheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,



Jan Eliasson

Mr. Charles Gould
Director General
International Co-operative Alliance
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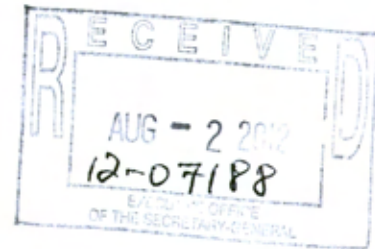
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United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon
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2nd August 2012.

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Dear Secretary General Ban Ki-moon:

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On October 31, 2012 in Manchester England more than 10,000 co-operators from around the globe and other members of the public will gather to participate in events marking the end of the International Year of Co-operatives. We would very much like you to help us underscore how important that week's events will be by setting aside 3-7 minutes at 9:15 am UK time to participate in a live stream for the plenary. If time does not permit this then we would be delighted to have a similar video in which you highlight the importance of the year for the United Nations and the need to use this year's successes as a means of energizing citizens to do more for the co-operative movement in the remaining years of this decade.

While October may seem quite a distance away, for organizing purposes could we ask that you let us know if we can have your participation via life streaming or video no later than August 15, 2012. We would then be happy to follow up with your staff closer to the event on who we would designate as liaison with your staff.

We do hope we will have the honor of your participation in this important event.

Sincerely,

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Director General

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