



Interim Reply: Invitation for SG to Participate in School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University\_ May 2014

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Anne Waters  
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06/01/2014 02:17 PM

Cc: ambiehl, Sanghwa Lee, Robert Orr, Jackilyn Punsal

Dear Anne,

Happy New Year!

Sorry for the belated reply as I was out of the office, On behalf of Ms. Josiane Ambiehl, Chief of the Scheduling Office and Mr. Sanghwa Lee, Deputy Chief of the Scheduling Office, I would like to inform you know that we are currently considering this invitation positively in the SG's program. However, its a little too early to confirm the Secretary-General's participation at this event as the program for this year is still being considered comprehensively along with the many other requests-mandatory engagements the SG would need to attend.

Hence we will continue to be in touch with you closer to the date of this event to inform you of the SG's availability-participation on this occasion.

Thank you very much in advance for you kind understanding,

Regards,

Alexandra

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"Anne Waters"

Dear Ms. Barahona Posada,

06/01/2014 01:28:51 PM

From: "Anne Waters" <abw17@columbia.edu>  
To: "Alexandra Barahona Posada" <barahonaposada@un.org>, <ambiehl@un.org>,  
Date: 06/01/2014 01:28 PM  
Subject: FW: School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University invitation to the Secretary General

Dear Ms. Barahona Posada,

Best wishes for the new year.

I am writing to follow-up my e-mail from late December. I just left a phone message for you.

Is there a good time when I might speak with you to discuss this outstanding invitation to the Secretary General? I can be reached at 212-854-9385.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Regards,



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**From:** Isabelle Kim [mailto:kimis@un.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 27, 2013 5:54 PM  
**To:** abw17@columbia.edu  
**Cc:** ambiehl@un.org; Alexandra Barahona Posada  
**Subject:** Re: School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University invitation to the Secretary General

Dear Ms. Waters,  
My colleague Alexandra will contact you when she has the answer.  
Thank you.  
Isabelle



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Date: 27/12/2013 05:51 PM  
Subject: School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University invitation to the Secretary General

Dear Ms. Isabella Kim,

I hope you are well. I know this is a busy time for your office. I called a couple of times today hoping that I might speak with you directly but I understand from your colleague Alastair that you were not available.

I know that Ms. Heidi Kleedtke from Prof. Jeffrey Sachs' office and Ms. Jesse Gale from my office have been in touch with you about the invitation to Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to speak at the School of International and Public Affairs annual graduation ceremony in May 2014.

Dean Merit Janow and I understand that the Secretary General has privately expressed his interest in accepting this invitation but that it must go through the appropriate approval process at the United Nations. As our invitation was extended in October, we are very concerned about the date by which we will be informed whether the Secretary General will be able to speak at the event.

May we inquire as to the status of our request? At what stage in the approval process is this speaking engagement? Is there any additional information that you require in order to expedite a decision? Are you able to provide us with a date by which we will be informed about this decision? It is quite pressing on our end.

I thank you very much for your kind consideration and look forward to a reply. My office phone is +1 212 854 9385 if you would prefer to leave a confidential voice mail message.

Kind regards and my best wishes for the new year,

Anne Waters

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**Fw: Invitation by Columbia University in May**

Josiane Ambiehl to: lee19, barahonaposada, sack, Rommel  
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25/11/2013 03:32 PM

Fyi, Colleagues:

SG has indicated that he wishes to give this graduation speech at Columbia University in May.

Fyi

Josiane

----- Forwarded by Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO on 25/11/2013 03:29 PM -----

From: Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO  
To: SGCentral/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Cc: Jill Annitto/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
Date: 25/11/2013 03:29 PM  
Subject: Invitation by Columbia University in May

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Dear Colleagues in Central Registry

I am sending you an invitation received by SG today. Not sure if it has been received yet at Central Registry already, but just in case.



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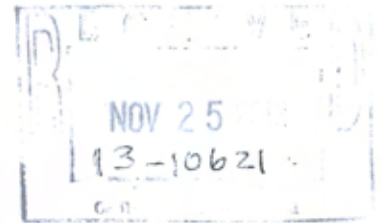
Thank you,  
Josiane



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November 1, 2013

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
760 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

On behalf of Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), I am pleased to invite you to deliver SIPA's graduation speech this spring. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 11AM on Columbia's campus. We expect to have 750 graduating public policy students as well as faculty, friends and family, and members of the press. Your participation would be inspiring and important to our community.

A word about SIPA: We are the largest and most global public policy school in the United States, with 1,300 graduate students hailing from more than 100 countries. Our seven degree programs include a Master of Public Administration (with specialty programs in economic policy, environmental policy, and development practice); a Master of International Affairs; and a Ph.D. in sustainable development. Our faculty and students have long studied and contributed to the work of the United Nations.

Your efforts as Secretary-General to promote sustainable development and enhance UN peace efforts are just two of your many achievements that inspire our students and faculty. Our students and faculty are passionate about issues such as sustainable development, energy and environmental matters, international peace keeping, human rights and much more. We have been honored to have important leaders and thinkers come to our campus to be our graduation speakers at SIPA including: Kofi Annan, Michael Bloomberg, George Soros, Christopher Reeve, Christiane Amanpour, and Shirin Ebadi.

It would be our privilege to introduce you to this next generation of policy leaders and a great honor for us to hear your remarks. We understand that Professor Sachs has had a preliminary conversation with you about delivering the graduation address. My office will follow up very soon to discuss the details of SIPA's 2014 graduation ceremony. ✓

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Merit E. Janow  
Dean, School of International and Public Affairs  
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