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MESSAGE TO THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
OF INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL
Berlin, 15-19 June 2010

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Ki-moon Ban', is written over the printed name 'BAN Ki-moon'.
BAN Ki-moon

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TO: Mr. Kim Won-soo
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FROM: Richard Amdur

DE: NL-3015U 3-6784 10 June 2010

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Please find attached for your approval and signature a message to the 15th Congress of Inclusion International.

Thank you.

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Karin Fenczak/NY/UNO
06/05/2010 11:36 AM

To Sandar Hla/NY/UNO@UNHQ
cc Diane Loughran/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Juwang
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Subject Fw: Secretary-General message to the General Assembly of
Inclusion International, Berlin, 20 June 2010

Secretary-General message to the General Assembly of Inclusion International, Berlin, 20 June 2010

Dear Sandar,

As requested, please take note of the response provided by our division, with regard to the SG's message to the General Assembly of Inclusion International, Berlin, 20 June 2010. Should you need further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best,

Karin.



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Akiko Ito/NY/UNO
04/05/2010 11:33 PM

To Karin Fenczak/NY/UNO
cc Diane Loughran/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jomo Kwame
Sundaram/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Juwang Zhu/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Subject Re: Fw: Secretary-General message to the General
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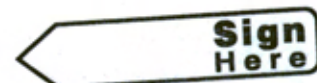
Dear Karin,

This request, directly made to the EOSG, is a new one and we understand the EOSG is of the view that at this point, a written message is sufficient for the purpose.

While the SG may not be in the position to do a full video message, the EOSG may wish to consider, in our views, a very short congratulatory message to the 50th General Assembly of Inclusion International by the SG in a video clip.

Among groups of different disabilities, those with mental disabilities receive very limited international attention. A short video message of the SG could clearly and directly communicate to them the core UN message for an "inclusive society"

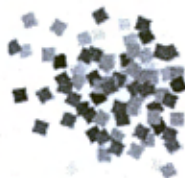
In addition, the current President of Inclusion International is the President-elect of International Disability Alliance, which covers nine global disability federations of persons with disabilities, and will work very closely with the United Nations this coming few years.



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Hi Karin,

In relation to our request for a draft message for the General Assembly of Inclusion International, the organizers have **approached us** again for a video message. We would be most grateful if DESA could advise whether you feel the Secretary-General should agree to the request. We are of the opinion that a written message would suffice but we welcome DESA's purview.

Many thanks again and best regards,

Sandar

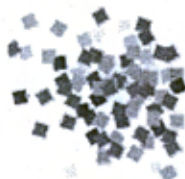
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Karin Fenczak/NY/UNO

08/04/2010 11:35 AM

To Sandar Hla/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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Subject Re: Secretary-General message to the General Assembly of
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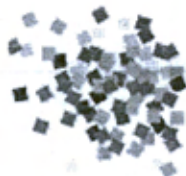
Dear Sandar,

We'll follow up and send you the requested draft by the deadline.

Best,

Karin.

Sandar Hla/NY/UNO



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08/04/2010 10:44 AM

To Karin Fenczak/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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Subject Secretary-General message to the General Assembly of
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Dear Colleagues,

The Secretary-General has been invited to provide a message to the General Assembly of Inclusion International, to take place in Berlin on 20 June. Mr. Zukang supported the conference in 2008 (letter attached) and we would like to confirm that DESA's purview has not changed and that the Secretary-General should provide a message.

If you agree that a contribution would be appropriate, we would be most grateful if DESA could provide a draft of approximately 400 words by 17 May, emailed to ferascu@un.org and hlas@un.org.

More information on the event is available at
<http://www.inclusion-international.org/en/>

Thank you in advance and best regards,

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cc minami@un.org, "VN06-1 Sander, Dirk"



06/04/2010 11:32 AM

Subject <vn06-1@auswaertiges-amt.de>
request for SG message for World Congress of persons with
mental disabilities in Berlin, 2010

Dear Mr. Amdur,

as a colleague of Ralf Schröder at the German Mission I would like to follow up on a request from last year for a message by the SG on the occasion of the World Congress of Inclusion International in Berlin in June 2010. Inclusion International is the worldwide umbrella organisation of more than 200 associations for people with intellectual disabilities in more than 115 countries. It will celebrate its 50th anniversary in June.

As discussed with you earlier, the "Bundesvereinigung Lebenshilfe" as the German organization for people with mental disabilities has provided some elements for the message that I will attach below. Unfortunately, the deadline for the print is already April 14. I apologize for this late reminder and hope that we can still manage to receive a few words from the SG. If you would like us to send a draft of a complete text, I will gladly do that, too!

Here are the elements:

- support for the over 650 million people with mental disabilities
- identification with/support for the UN convention and thus with the idea of inclusion
- significance of the convention for all aspects of life of persons with disabilities - also with mental disabilities
- support for the work of Inclusion International that advocates the needs of persons with mental disabilities and carries the word "inclusion" in its title
- congratulation to 50th anniversary of Inclusion International
- thanks to Inclusion Europe and Bundesvereinigung Lebenshilfe for hosting the world congress
- addressing all participants from over 50 countries and expressing hope that they will function as multipliers in promoting the idea of the convention and in implementing it so that the lives of persons with disabilities will be improved

Kind regards,
Katja Wiesbrock Donovan

Dear Mr. Schröer,

I apologize for the delay in responding to you, but I had to consult my colleagues about this request from the World Congress of persons with mental disabilities in Berlin.

As I had also noted in our previous phone conversation, the Secretary-General, as a general rule, does not provide patronage for non-United Nations events.

However, if the organizer would wish to receive a message by the Secretary-General in commemoration of the event in 2010, they may request for it to the Speechwriting Office. I am copying my colleague Mr. Richard Amdur who may be able to assist.

It would be appreciated if you could kindly convey our reply to the World Congress..

Thank you for your understanding.

Kaori Minami
Executive Office for the Secretary-General

----- Original-Nachricht -----

Betreff: Re: SG message for World Congress of persons with mental disabilities in Berlin, 2010

Datum: Mon, 2 Mar 2009 12:42:23 -0500

Von: Richard Amdur <amdur@un.org>

An: pol-3-1-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de

CC: feracscu@un.org, henninger@un.org

dear mr. shroer,
many thanks for your email. yes, this is the kind of event/initiative for which we would be happy to provide a message. since it isn't until next june, if you came back to us with a reminder in early 2010 that would be plenty of time to prepare something. your reminder should include the main

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ralf.schroeer@diplo.de

----- Original-Nachricht -----
Betreff: Re: Subj.: SG-Patronage for World Congress of persons
with
mental disabilities in Berlin, 2010
Datum: Thu, 26 Feb 2009 15:26:48 -0500
Von: Kaori Minami <minami@un.org>
An: pol-3-1-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de
CC: Yeocheol Yoon <yoon@un.org>, Sebastien Lawson
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Richard Amdur <amdur@un.org>, Ruxandra Ferascu <ferascu@un.org>

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Subject

Congress of persons with mental:
disabilities in Berlin, 2010

Subj.: SG-Patronage for World

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disabilities in Berlin, 2010

Reference: Letter by USG Sha Zukang to Lebenshilfe Germany, 05
September 2008, DESA-08/399

Dear Ms. Minami

It was nice talking to you on the phone today. As you may know,
Inclusion International, the worldwide umbrella organisation of
more

than 200 associations for people with intellectual disabilities,
has

decided to hold its forthcoming World Congress in June 2010 in
Berlin,

Germany. The Bundesvereinigung Lebenshilfe as the German
organization,

for people with mental disabilities is expecting more than 1200
participants and wrote to the UN Secretary-General in July
2008

asking for his patronage for the 2010 World Congress. The German
government strongly supported this request. As a first result,
USG Mr,

Sha Zukang, responded favourably to Lebenshilfe in the letter
cited as

reference. A response from the office of the Secretary-General.,
however, is still pending. I have attached the initial letter of
Lebenshilfe to the office of the SG and the favourable response

by USG

Sha Zukang for you convenience. Desk officer in DESA is Ms. ITO,
extension 3-1996.

Sincerely

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