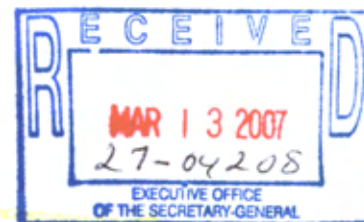


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Note to Mr. Nambiar

**Invitation to the Secretary-General to attend the Principals meeting of the
Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on 30 April, 2007**

1. The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) was established in June 1992 in accordance with a General Assembly resolution on Strengthening Humanitarian Assistance (GA/RES/46/182). The IASC members include the heads of all UN agencies involved in humanitarian assistance as well as IOM, the World Bank, the ICRC, the IFRC and three NGO consortia representing hundreds of NGOs, mainly from Europe and the US. As the Chair of the IASC, I convene biannual meetings at the principal level, to discuss strategic issues concerning humanitarian coordination and reform.
2. The Secretary-General's presence at the beginning of the meeting would be a useful opportunity to signal his commitment to the humanitarian cause, to set out some views on humanitarian affairs and to hear the views of the IASC Principals.
3. The meeting will be held in New York, in the UN Secretariat, with the opening session scheduled to begin at 10:00am. The presence of the Secretary-General for the first hour of the session would be very helpful. If his schedule allowed it, the Secretary-General could also join the working lunch in the Delegates Dining Room from 13:00 to 15:00.
4. I would be grateful if you could put this proposal to the Secretary-General.

John Holmes

John Holmes
12 March, 2007

cc: Mr. Kim Won-soo
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