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Nepal
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REFERENCE:

29 August 2007

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing in follow up to Mr. Nambiar's letter of 15 August. May I firstly take the opportunity to thank you for your kind invitation to visit Kathmandu to attend the interaction on "Issues and Debates for Nepal's New Constitution".

It is with regret that I must decline the invitation, since I will be accompanying the Secretary-General to Torino, Italy to participate in the UN Retreat. I regret any inconvenience caused, and apologise most sincerely and wish your Conference all the success you so rightly deserve for all the hard and dedicated work you have invested in preparing it. Kindly relay my best wishes for a fruitful discussion.

With the renewed expression of my sincere appreciation, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nicholas Haysom
Political Director

His Excellency
Shiv Shankar Mukherjee
Ambassador of India to Nepal
Kathmandu

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15 August 2007

Dear Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 31 July 2007 and am writing to express my deep appreciation for your kind invitation, as one of the Co-Chairpersons of the B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation, for Mr. Nicholas Haysom to visit Kathmandu to attend the interaction on "Issues and Debates for Nepal's New Constitution".

I agree that Mr. Haysom's contribution, bearing in mind his constitution-making experience, would be invaluable to your discussions. However, as you understand, September is a very busy time at the United Nations, and in addition, to the forthcoming high level debate of the General Assembly, Mr. Haysom will be accompanying the Secretary-General on an overseas trip which is scheduled to conclude on 3 September. At this juncture, we are unable to confirm Mr. Haysom's participation due to exigencies of service. As soon as we have a clearer idea of Mr. Haysom's schedule we will contact you. Kindly keep me informed of the progress of preparations.

With the renewed expression of my sincere appreciation, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Shiv Shankar Mukherjee
Ambassador of India to Nepal
Kathmandu

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भारतीय राजदूत, काठमाण्डू (नेपाल)
AMBASSADOR OF INDIA
KATHMANDU (NEPAL)

31 July 2007

Dear *Vijay*,

B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation, an organization set up fifteen years ago by the Governments of India and Nepal to promote interaction at peoples' level, and which has the Ambassadors of the two countries as Co-Chairpersons, is organizing an interaction involving international and Nepali experts on "Issues and Debates for Nepal's New Constitution" from 2-5 September 2007 in Kathmandu. A Concept Note and an outline tentative programme for the event are enclosed. The significance of such an event in the present political phase in Nepal for contributing to debates and discussions on the issues involved cannot be over-emphasised.

2 The name of Mr. Nicholas Haysom, working in UNSG's Office of Political Relations, has been suggested to us as an expert on constitution making, having experience of such exercises in various countries, including South Africa and Iraq. I think that his contribution to discussions we are planning in Nepal will be invaluable, given also his strong roots and experience with the success of the process in South Africa. I understand that Mr. Haysom has on a previous occasion visited Nepal in a similar context though for a brief while.

3 I understand that Mr. Haysom works with you and therefore, I am bothering you with this message in order to reach him to find out if he would be interested and available to participate in the event mentioned above, and also if it would be possible for you to spare him for 5-6 days. Once I receive positive indication on these points, we would formally invite him. Given that we have about one month to go for the event, I would be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

S.S.

(Shiv Shankar Mukherjee)

Shri Vijay Nambiar
Under Secretary General of the UN,
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