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Dear Ms. Demisse,

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 April 2007, inviting me to address the *Friends of Africa Awards Celebration* to be held on 21 June.

While I am honoured by this invitation and would have liked to participate, it is with great regret that I must decline due to prior commitments on the proposed date.

I very much appreciate your understanding and send my best wishes for a most successful event.

Yours sincerely,

Asha-Rose Migiro

Ms. Meron Demisse
Chair – African Affairs Committee
Young Professionals for International
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To Meronademisse@yahoo.com
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Subject Invitation to the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Friends of Africa Awards Celebration on 21 June

Dear Ms. Demisse,

Please find attached a letter from Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, in response to the above-mentioned invitation.

Kindly acknowledge this message at : sgaymer@un.org

Thank you.

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April 5, 2007

H.E. Asha-Rose Migiro
United Nations Deputy Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Dr. Migiro:

I am writing on behalf of the United Nations Association of New York's Young Professionals for International Cooperation (UNA-NY YPIC), to request your presence at our ***Friends of Africa Awards Celebration*** to be held June 21, 2007.

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) is a national, not for profit organization that seeks to engage our nation in issues central to the United Nation's mission and to further the goals of that organization. UNA-USA carries out its action agenda through a combination of public outreach, policy analysis, and international dialogue, and advances international cooperation and the work of the United Nations through more than 170 community-based Chapters and Divisions nationwide and over 25,000 members. In 2004, we started the Young Professionals for International Cooperation to provide emerging leaders access to resources and contacts that allow them to act on issues of national and global importance.

Our ***Friends of Africa Awards Celebration*** will honor and recognize individuals who have made a significant difference throughout the continent of Africa. Particular focus areas are health care, education and policy. We have confirmed our first honoree, NBA All Star and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, *Dikembe Mutombo* for his philanthropic work throughout Africa. Mr. Mutombo has dedicated himself to improving health care quality particularly in Democratic Republic of Congo, where he recently built the state of the art, *Biamba Marie Mutombo Hospital* (www.dmf.org).

In addition to honoring this individual for his remarkable efforts, we plan to celebrate the many African cultures; from African dance and music to the cuisines, art, traditional clothing and much more. Our goal is to make the program enlightening and motivating for those interested in Africa, while educating and inspiring future leaders for Africa.

This celebration will be a great investment in the development of a new cadre of influential, young leaders who will steer the development of the African continent. Consequently, we would like to invite you to address our audience. It would be an honor if you would consider speaking and sharing your perspectives on Africa and I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Please contact me at 206-351-5816 or via email at Meronademisse@yahoo.com if you have any further questions. Thank you very much for your consideration and I look forward to speaking with you.

Best regards,

Meron Demisse
Chair - African Affairs Committee
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