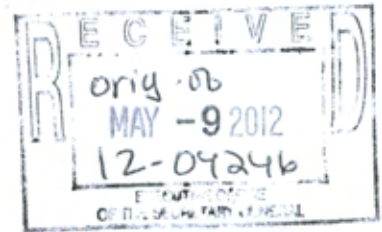




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JAMEN



Astana "3" May 2012

The Honorable Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary General  
The United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) are organizing an international conference "From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear Weapons-Free World" in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, on August 27-29.

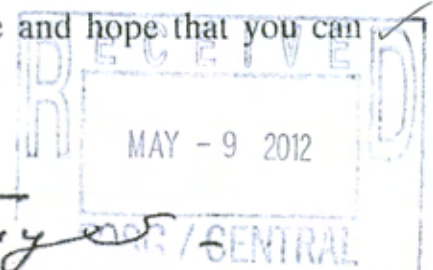
The conference, which will be opened by President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, will be seeking the ways of building national and global security without nuclear weapons, banning nuclear testing forever, establishing regional nuclear-weapons-free zones, and achieving the global abolition of nuclear weapons.

The conference participants will also visit the former Semipalatinsk nuclear test site, which was closed by President Nazarbayev's decree on August 29, 1991. In accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 64/35, August 29 has been commemorated as the International Day against Nuclear Tests since 2009.

Parliamentarians play a vital role in the global process of non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament. The upcoming conference will provide a unique opportunity for parliamentarians from different countries to discuss concrete ways to rid the world of the "Damocles' nuclear sword". It will also give them a unique opportunity to hear the global leader on matters of international security, should you be able to join us.

We invite you to participate in the Astana conference and hope that you can join us.

Nurlan Nigmatulin



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**Excellency,**

I have the pleasure to submit to you the invitation by the Chairman of the Mazhilis (House of Representatives) of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Nurlan Nigmatulin, to be the guest of honour at the international conference "From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World" to be held on August 27-29, 2012 (see annex).

It will be our privilege to have you at this important gathering on an item that has a key priority in your agenda during the second term.

I will be grateful if you will kindly confirm your participation by 15 May.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**Byrganym Aitimova  
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