



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

*(Palestine
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12 May 2008

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 31 March 2008, in which you extended an invitation for me to participate in the Palestine Investment Conference, to be held from 21 to 23 May 2008 in Bethlehem.

I appreciate your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that the multiple demands on my schedule will preclude my participation. Nevertheless, I am pleased to inform you that I have asked Mr. Robert Serry, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process to represent me at the conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister of the
Palestinian Authority
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Excellency,

I would be grateful if you could forward the attached letter to
His Excellency Mr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Vijay Nambiar
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Palestinian National Authority
Prime Minister's Office



31 March 2008

The Honorable Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am writing to invite you to participate in the **Palestine Investment Conference, PIC-Palestine**, to be held in **Bethlehem** from the afternoon of the 21st to midday of the 23rd of May 2008. We consider this conference as the first step of an ongoing process to integrate Palestine with the international economy. Sustainable economic growth in Palestine will be a key ingredient to a sustainable peace.

We are planning this conference with the full endorsement of the international donor community who convened in Paris last December, including the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, as well as Quartet Representative Tony Blair. The event will feature presentations and discussions with public sector representatives, private sector leaders, and other leading business contacts from the region and the international community.

Participants will gain valuable market and policy insights from policy makers and business leaders; receive detailed briefings on major project opportunities and developments in key industry sectors; and interact with customers, suppliers and partners. Very importantly, participation of political and business leaders from the region and the international community will demonstrate support for sustainable prosperity in Palestine.

I count very much on your support to our efforts to help reverse the current state of despair through economic development in partnership with the private sector, and look forward to your public endorsement of the conference, in addition to your personal involvement and participation in the conference, all of which are essential to its success. To that end, I urge you to give this conference your highest possible consideration.

Thank you in advance for your positive consideration of this invitation. I look forward to personally welcoming you in Bethlehem on May 21. Until then, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Salam Fayyad
Prime Minister