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Dear Secretary-General,

In your letter of 30 October 2006, you kindly said that you would consider speaking to a UNA-UK audience at some point in the future. I am now writing to invite you formally to deliver a speech (on a subject of your choice) under our auspices during your visit to the UK in June (which I believe you are considering).

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office has suggested that a lunchtime slot on Friday, 13 June 2008 could be a potential time for such an event. We envisage that the event would be a large, public meeting, with the audience comprising our membership (including our student supporters and young professionals network), representatives of other NGOs, parliamentarians, civil servants, ambassadors and high commissioners to London, and the media. In 2006, we hosted a speech by your predecessor and were able to attract an audience of over 2,000 at Central Hall Westminster.

We expect that we would be able to generate extensive coverage of your speech in the UK; one of UNA-UK's key strengths, as Britain's leading NGO on UN matters, is its ability to bring together diverse constituencies within the framework of the UN.

We would be delighted if you were able to accept this invitation.


Lord Hannay

Lord Hannay of Chiswick
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FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Secretary-General

I have the honour of transmitting the enclosed letter to you from Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Chair of the UN Association of the UK, regarding speaking to the UNA-UK in June.

I would like to take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

John Sawers