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Dear Ms. Chang,

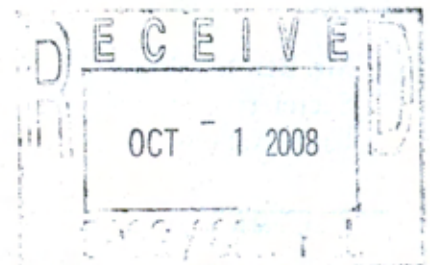
On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 3 September 2008 inviting him to participate in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Women Guild, scheduled for 24 October 2008 at the United Nations Headquarters.

Regrettably, the Secretary-General will be unable to participate owing to scheduling conflict. However, I am pleased to inform you that he has agreed to send you a message to be included in your brochure on this milestone occasion, the text of which you will soon receive.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Ms. Tsu-Wei Chang
President
United Nations Women's Guild
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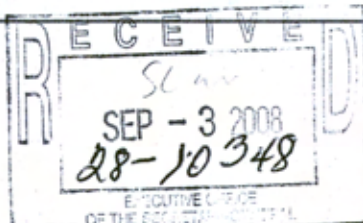
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Dear Mr. Ban,



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April 2008, the United Nations Women's Guild celebrates its 60 years of dedicated service. On this occasion, we would be honoured if your Excellency would participate in our celebration on the 24th of October 2008, the United Nations Day at the DHL Auditorium at 1 p.m. and afterward to a reception. We will send you a formal invitation shortly. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send us a message for inclusion in our commemorative brochure to be published and presented on that day. We plan to distribute this brochure to all the Permanent Missions to the United Nations, as well as all the United Nations offices worldwide.

Ten years ago, on the occasion of our 50th anniversary, former Secretary-General Xavier Perez de Cuellar wrote to the UN Women's Guild the following message: *"What a group of dedicated women started as a spontaneous movement in support of needy children around the world has now grown into a charitable organization admired by the whole diplomatic community..."*

The Women's Guild was established in New York in April of 1948 by a group of wives of UN secretariat officials to help needy children, mostly in war-torn Europe. While their husbands were grappling with issues of peace and reconstruction, these caring women were sewing and knitting to provide "a warm sweater for each child".

Today, the United Nations Women's Guild has more than forty sister organizations worldwide. Its members include spouses and staff of the United Nations and its diplomatic missions. They volunteer their time and energy to raise funds through activities and events such as souvenir sales at the UNWG gift shop, bazaars, art auctions, international food festivals and handicraft sales. Our members work with quiet unassuming dedication, raise fund to send to over 150 small organizations each year in all continents to help alleviate the sufferings of needy children.

Thank you and Mrs. Ban, who is our Honorary President, for sharing our commitment to the well-being of all "our" children, and please accept, your Excellency, my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Tsu-Wei Chang
President

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations