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Dear Ms. Shammas,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 02 October 2007, enquiring whether the Secretary-General would consider giving a talk at one of your fundraising events during 2007/2008.

The Secretary-General notes with appreciation the assistance your organization has been providing to populations in times of crisis through the continents. However, to my regret I have to inform you that in keeping with United Nations Rules and Practices, the Secretary-General will be unable to participate in your fundraising activities. Nevertheless I am pleased to convey his best wishes of success to the British Red Cross.

With thanks for your understanding.

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Special Assistant
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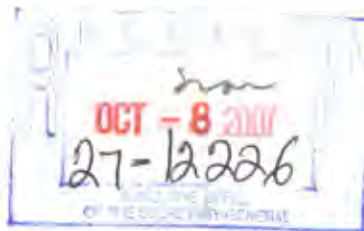
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Mr Ban Ki-moon
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02 October 2007

Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon,

As a supporter of the vital work of the Red Cross, I am writing to you on behalf of the International Fundraising Committee to enquire if you might be able to help us with a future fundraising event. As part of our annual fundraising calendar we usually host a talk or lecture by a prominent figure who is a leader in their field. In the past we have been lucky enough to have held lectures by President Nelson Mandela, President Clinton, Sir Richard Branson, Her Majesty Queen Noor, Her Excellency Susan Mubarak, Lord Melvyn Bragg and Antony Beevor. We wondered if you would consider giving a talk for us in 2007/8. We thought this particularly appropriate considering your long-standing history with the Red Cross movement.

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. We are part of a global network of volunteers, responding to natural disasters, conflicts and individual emergencies. We enable vulnerable people at home and overseas to prepare for and respond to emergencies in their own communities. And when the crisis is over, we help people to recover and move on with their lives.

The money we raise from these events enables us to continue this work. The British Red Cross helped and continues to help many of those affected by the recent flooding here in our own country, the Pakistan Earthquake, the Asian tsunami and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Sudan, Uganda and other parts of Africa. Thanks to our neutrality we have been able to cross the frontlines in areas that other organisations cannot reach and provide aid without discrimination. The British Red Cross uses funds to provide help wherever the need is greatest and your support will help us continue this vital humanitarian work.

I would be so grateful if you would consider this request. I know it would be an extremely eagerly anticipated event with our supporters. We would be able to work around any date that is suitable in 2007/8.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your support.

*with every good wish,
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