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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note verbale of 2 August 2010, requesting a meeting between the Secretary-General and His Excellency Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Secretary-General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, during the forthcoming General Debate period of the General Assembly.

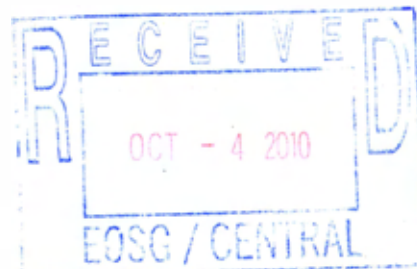
We have been making careful reviews of the programme of the Secretary-General on a continuing basis to accommodate a maximum number of bilateral meetings with world leaders. Despite this, I regret to inform you that conflicting commitments will not permit a scheduled meeting during the period requested. I know you will understand that the time available for bilateral meetings during the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals and the General Debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly is severely limited by the number of key multi-lateral meetings and other events on the margins of the General Assembly that, inevitably, require the direct and continuous participation of the Secretary-General.

I would therefore be most grateful if you could convey to His Excellency Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma the above mentioned circumstances which would preclude a bilateral meeting with the Secretary-General. Needless to say, we look forward to arranging a suitable meeting on a later occasion.

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

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Lhatu Wangchuk
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom
of Bhutan to the United Nations
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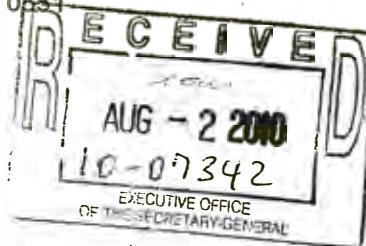
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor, as the Chair of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), to request for an appointment to make a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, by H.E. Dr. Sheel Kant Sharma, Secretary General of SAARC, on 27th or 28th September 2010. The Secretary General of SAARC would be visiting New York during the period of the General Debate of the 65th Session of the UN General Assembly to attend an informal meeting of the SAARC Council of Ministers.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations would greatly appreciate receiving a convenient date and time for the courtesy call so that the Secretary General of SAARC can accordingly be informed.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 2 August 2010



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The period during the opening of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals and the General Debate will be an extremely busy time for all parties. Be assured that the request was brought to the attention of the Secretary-General. The Executive Office of the Secretary-General is still receiving information about numerous meetings and events relating to the session that will require the presence of the Secretary-General. It is therefore not possible to determine how much time will be available for bilateral meetings, until closer to the opening of the General Debate.

In the interim, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General would appreciate if the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations could inform Mr. Yeocheol Yoon, Chief of the Scheduling Office, should there be any changes in the plans of the Secretary-General, or any details regarding the topics to be discussed in the requested meeting.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General extends to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.





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