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Dear Professor Kouskouvelis,

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 3 May 2007, inviting the Secretary-General to visit and deliver a speech at the University of Macedonia, some time between January and June 2008, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the University.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your kind invitation, which he appreciates, and which we will keep in mind as his programme develops. In due course, we will explore together with you the possibility of planning for such a visit, should his schedule permit.

Let me take this opportunity to convey to you his congratulations for the fiftieth anniversary of your institution, and his best wishes for a successful celebration.

Sincerely yours.


Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Professor Ilias Kouskouvelis
Rector of the University of Macedonia
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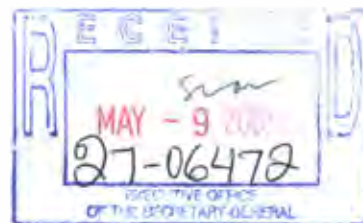


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The United Nations

Secretary General

Mr Ban Ki-moon

UN Headquarters

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Honourable Secretary General of the UN,

The University of Macedonia celebrates its fiftieth anniversary the coming academic year 2007-8.

Our University -a "Friend of the U.N."- is an extrovert Institution, open to the individual as well as the society, with participation into the European and international developments, willing to face the future with critical yet optimistic view. That is why we feel that this 50 year celebration should be one more opportunity to remember our past and view the new challenges of the future.

Thus we would like to invite you to consider visiting our University here, in Thessaloniki and delivering a speech, some time between January and June 2008, depending of course on your schedule and at a time of your convenience. Hoping for your positive response, please accept the expression of my deepest respect.

The Rector

of the University of Macedonia
Economic and Social Sciences



Professor Ilias Kouskouvelis