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Note to Mr. Nambiar

**INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE
"10th ANNIVERSARY OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325:
ENSURING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACE AND SECURITY"
BRUSSELS, 9 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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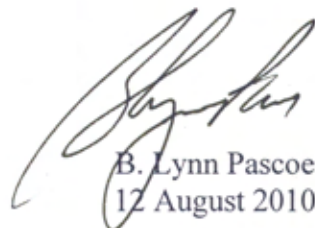
1. The Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr. Stephen Vanackere, has invited the Secretary-General to attend the conference on "*The 10th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Ensuring women's participation in peace and security*", on 9 September 2010 in Brussels. The conference is jointly organized by the EU institutions and the Belgian Presidency of the European Union.

2. As the Secretary-General will not be able to attend and the topic of the meeting will be to assess progress towards implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, I recommend that Ms. Inès Alberdi, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), represents the Secretary-General at the conference.

3. In her current position, Ms. Alberdi has been involved in advancing women, peace and security issues and has sought to advance regional cooperation in strengthening the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, both strategically and at the operational level. Ms. Alberdi has been consulted and has confirmed her availability.

4. We recommend that a statement be delivered by Ms. Alberdi on behalf of the Secretary-General. Ms. Alberdi will also give a separate statement on behalf of UNIFEM in her function as Executive Director of UNIFEM.

5. Please find attached, for the Secretary-General's approval and signature, a letter of reply, informing the Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium of the Secretary-General's decision. You will also find attached the customary letter of transmittal to the Deputy Prime Minister.


B. Lynn Pascoe
12 August 2010

cc: Ms. Alberdi