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Dear Mr. Khan,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in a special event of the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on "Eradicating Poverty through Enterprise" on Friday, 2 November 2007, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This panel will address the role that productive and competitive enterprises can play in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the goal to eradicate poverty, through their contributions to employment creation and the welfare of the communities in which they operate. Your insights on this subject and on the policy challenges faced by countries to promote the role of enterprise in economic and social development will be a valuable contribution to the work to be undertaken by the Committee at the current session of the General Assembly.

The aim of the panel discussion is to engage the entire membership of the General Assembly by stimulating an informative and lively dialogue among participants. The event is also open to diplomats, staff from the Secretariat, representatives of NGOs and the media.

The proposed format for the three-hour session is as follows: Each panelist will be given 15 minutes, in which they are asked to discuss policy and practice favorable to the promotion of enterprise and to present successful models and case studies, with the aim of providing actionable advice to Member States. Following their opening remarks, panelists may address one another's statements before participating in an interactive discussion with Members of the Committee.

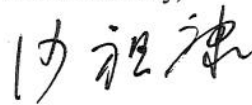
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I look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



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