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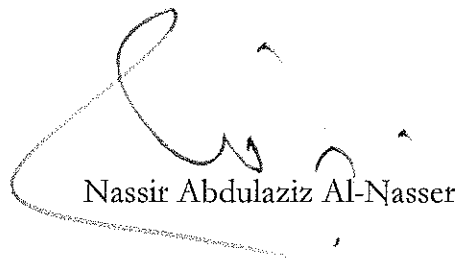
Excellency,

I refer to my letter dated 3 August 2012, representing an invitation to participate in the informal plenary meeting I am convening on 6 September 2012 from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB), to mark the observance of the International Day Against Nuclear Tests.

As mentioned in the letter, the meeting will include a panel discussion over the theme, "Role of the United Nations in Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation", organized in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan.

In this context, please find attached the detailed programme for the meeting and the panel.

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



Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Informal Meeting of the General Assembly to mark the Observance of the International Day against Nuclear Tests

The Meeting is convened by the President of the 66th session of the General Assembly, His Excellency Mr. Nassir Abdelaziz Al-Nasser, and organized in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Date: Thursday, 6 September 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 3, NLB, UN Headquarters, New York

Opening statements by:

- H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdelaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly
- H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General
- Mr. Timur Zhantikin, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Panel on the Role of the United Nations in Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

The official opening ceremony will be followed by a Panel on the Role of the United Nations in Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation. Dr. Randy Rydell, Senior Political Affairs Officer in the Office of the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, will moderate the panel, which will begin with a video message of general observations by H.E. Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).

The invited panel speakers include:

- H.E. Ambassador Jim McLay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations
- H.E. Ambassador Gary Quinlan, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations
- Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, Representative of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- Mr. John Burroughs, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

The panelists will address some key issues, including necessary steps for further progress on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, the establishment of further nuclear-weapon-free zones, confidence building and others. The panel will be followed by statements and questions and answers.

Entry: Delegates, NGOs and members of the media are welcome to attend. Those without a UN Grounds pass may contact: +1 (212) 230-1900, ext.322.