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Dear Friends:

Planning for the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference to be held in Bonn, Germany, 3-5 September 2011 is in full swing. This year's Conference entitled "*Sustainable Societies: Responsive Citizens*" will highlight effective ways in which civil society, through individual and collective volunteer actions, can contribute to fostering a sustainable planet now and into the future.

Through the years, your generous financial contributions have helped ensure the tremendous success of each Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, and we are immensely grateful for your continued financial support. For the fourth time in its six-decade history, the Conference is being held outside of UN Headquarters, this year in the City of Bonn, thus extending the regional outreach of the UN NGO family to Central & Eastern Europe. Your generous contribution will help ensure the participation of NGO speakers and delegates from regions otherwise underserved, including those from Africa and the Middle East, who have been invited to participate in this premier international civil society event.

In partnership with the UN Department of Public Information, NGO/DPI Executive Committee, UN Volunteers, the Federal Republic of Germany and the City of Bonn, the three-day Conference will provide a dynamic platform for an estimated 1,500 representatives of civil society organizations, academia, grassroots constituencies, private sector, media, governments, UN System, and other stakeholders to exchange ideas about the need to connect the dots between sustainable development and civic engagement through volunteerism. An important outcome will be the adoption of a Conference Declaration and Plan of Action that will represent the voice of civil society at the UN General Assembly special session of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers and the Rio+20 Conference in 2012.

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