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Dear Judge Hoffmann,

I would like to invite you to participate in the weekly DPI briefing for the community of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) associated with the Department of Public Information (DPI)—organized by the NGO Relations Cluster of the Outreach Division of DPI.

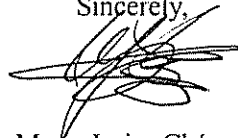
This week's Briefing celebrates the designation of the year 2009 as the International Year of Reconciliation. Entitled "Sustainable Peace through Reconciliation," the Briefing will be held on Thursday 5 February 2009 in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The Panel discussion will be interspersed with musical performances by well known Native American singer **Jackie Tice** and her brother **Dar Khabbaz**, who will accompany her on the flute. Our Panel discussion will feature speakers including **Her Excellency María Roubales de Chamorro**, Ambassador of Nicaragua to the UN, **Claudia Abate** Executive Director and President of the Foundation for Post Conflict Development who works in Timor-Leste as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of that country for Investment and Development, and **Jacqueline Murekatete**, a Rwandan human rights activist and survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide, who will share their personal experiences with reconciliation processes in the respective countries and you. The Briefing will also feature the screening of a film whose theme is reconciliation, entitled 'Bridge over Wadi'.

We ask that your presentation be no longer than 5-7 minutes unless you are using a Power point presentation in which case we usually allow 10 minutes. If you plan to use a Power point presentation we would also appreciate receiving it at least two days ahead of the presentation date so that we can ensure that we are technically prepared. We look forward to having you with us on Thursday 5 January.

Our DPI/NGO briefing usually attracts some 170 attendees representing national and international NGOs working with the United Nations. Should you require additional information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor Sainté, Information Officer, DPI/NGO Relations by telephone at 1-917-367-9380 or by e-mail to: sainte@un.org; or Ms. Jennifer Basch at 1-212-963-7709 or e-mail: section1d@un.org.

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