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NOTE TO MR. MALLOCH BROWN

Russian proposal for a concert on 7 May

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I have received ~~the letter~~ the letter of 1 February to the Secretary-General from Ambassador Andrey Denisov, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, regarding the above subject, and I understand that Ambassador Denisov may raise this matter personally with the Secretary-General.

The proposed concert, by the Academic Symphony Orchestra of St. Petersburg, is intended to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the founding of the United Nations.

However, the General Assembly Hall has been reserved from 2 to 11 May for the holding of the NPT Review Conference.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation has proposed that the concert take place on 7 May, which is a Saturday. Since a concert of this nature would require the hall to be available from the preceding day, this would require the NPT meeting on 6 May to be held in another room. Another possibility would be to have the concert on Sunday, 8 May. This is, of course, on the assumption that the NPT Review Conference will not be meeting over the weekend. The General Assembly Hall is, as of now, also available between 12 and 16 May, should the Mission be prepared to consider holding the concert on a day during that period.

I would certainly endorse the importance of the concert to our overall UN60 commemoration. I am copying this note to relevant colleagues for their information and input, which we shall also seek at the working level, before discussing further with the Mission.

I thought I should share the options with you for immediate information, should the matter be raised directly with the Secretary-General.

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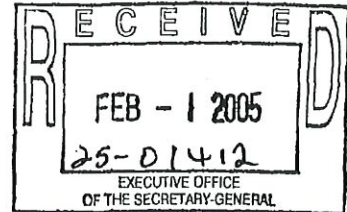
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*Mr. Tharoor*

New York, February 1, 2005

Excellency,

On November 22, 2004 on the initiative of the Russian Federation and a group of CIS countries, joined by a number of other states, the General Assembly adopted without vote Resolution 59/26 on commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. From now on 8-9 May will be marked annually as a time of remembrance and reconciliation to pay tribute to all victims of the War.

In commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and creation of the United Nations the Russian Federation, as it was previously agreed, intends to make its own contribution to this historic event. The renowned Saint-Petersburg Academic Symphony Orchestra under the baton of maestro Yury Temirkanov has agreed to use the only time in its Italian

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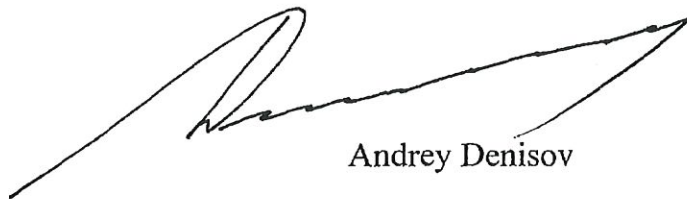
concert tour and arrive in New York for 24 hours in order to deliver an exclusive charitable performance at the General Assembly Hall on Saturday May 7, 2005, at 5 p.m.

Giving the concert dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Second World War during the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons scheduled for May 2005 will only underline the pivotal UN's role in fulfillment of its main goal, which is to save the succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

The Russian side will pay all the expenses with regard to the arrangement of the Saint-Petersburg Orchestra's performance.

I would greatly appreciate if you could provide the necessary assistance in successful holding of the concert at the UN General Assembly Hall on May 7.

Sincerely Yours,



Andrey Denisov