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Dear ~~Mr. [redacted]~~,

The United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs, through its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and the Conventional Arms Branch, is organizing a Seminar on Small Arms and Light Weapons for the South Pacific. The Seminar will take place between 18 and 20 August 2004 in Nadi, Republic of Fiji Islands. The Seminar will be arranged in conjunction with the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan, and in close cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Fiji Islands. Approximately 60 participants from governmental and non-governmental sectors, mainly from the South Pacific region, have been invited to attend the meeting in their personal capacity.

The Seminar will focus on, *inter alia*: assessing the needs of the participating States regarding the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. The Seminar will also deal with the PIF Model Weapons Control Bill, stockpile management and issues for security forces, regional cooperation, capacity building and cooperation with civil society. A draft programme is attached for your information.

In this regard, I would like to invite you to attend this Seminar. I would be most grateful if you would convey your availability to fax 212 ~~989 4089~~ or email ~~[redacted]~~[\[redacted\]@un.org](mailto:[redacted]@un.org) with a copy to ~~[redacted]~~[\[redacted\]@un.org](mailto:[redacted]@un.org) by Friday, 16 July 2004.

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