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Chairperson, Vienna NGO Committee
on Narcotic Drugs
Mr. Esbjörn Hörnberg

Dear Mr. Hörnberg,

In order to promote international cooperation in the anti-drug field the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation holds on April 12 at 11:00 the International Conference “Combatting Drugs and Drug-Related Crimes. Interaction between State and Civil Society”.

The Conference is supposed to result in mobilization of efforts of the Russian society and the international community to tackle the drug threat in order to attract broad attention to the issue, as well as to actively popularize best practices in this field.

The event is to be attended by heads of relevant ministries and agencies of the Russian Federation, Russian experts and NGOs, as well as representatives of the international community, including foreign and international NGOs. The Conference will be opened by Yuri Fedotov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Conference and to deliver a speech at its opening within the framework of the high level segment. I would be grateful, if you could also invite members of the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs from the USA, the European Union and Tajikistan. The Civic Chamber is ready to cover travel expenses (if needed) of a delegation of the Vienna NGO Committee consisting of four persons.

Venue: Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, 7/1 Miuskaya square, Moscow.

I would be grateful, if you could communicate the information on your and the Committee representatives' participation, if possible, by March 15.

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Attachment: agenda of the Conference, 1 page.

Yours sincerely,


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