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To: Mr. J.D. Gladden
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Re: Invitation to participate in Kwibuka20 launch titled “Genocide Prevention: Our Shared Responsibility”

Dear Ms. Gladden,

The Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda in Washington, D.C. would like to invite your community to participate in *Kwibuka20* launch titled “**Genocide prevention: our shared responsibility**”. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 24th, 2014 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda premises, FHI 360 Conference Center located at 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, 8th Floor Washington, D.C. 20009. Launched in Rwanda on January 7th, 2014, *Kwibuka20* is a series of commemorative activities leading up to the 20th commemoration of the genocide against Tutsi which is annually held from April 7th to July 4th.

The following distinguished speakers will discuss the causes and consequences of the genocide and the global community’s shared responsibility to “memory” and “genocide prevention”:

Dr. Adama Dieng, *U.N. Special Advisor on Genocide Prevention*

Hon. Clotilde Mbaranga Gasarabwe, *U.N. Assistant Secretary-General for Safety & Security*

H.E. Amina S. Ali, *Ambassador of African Union Mission in the United States of America (TBC)*

Hon. Russ Feingold, *U.S. Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region of Africa and DRC (TBC)*

Dr. Gregory H. Stanton, *President of Genocide Watch*

Dr. Stephen Smith, *Executive Director of USC Shoah Foundation and Executive Producer of Kwibuka20*

Mr. Jason Nshimye, *Survivor of the Genocide against Tutsi*

Given your school’s dedication to promote ethical leadership among H.S. students, I invite six students, 20 years old or younger, to participate in the lighting of **Urumuri Rutazima**, a flame that symbolizes remembrance as well as the resilience and courage of Rwandans and other related commemorative activities. As a part of the ceremony, we will sing **Urumuri Rutazima** song. The U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon noted in his special commemoration message last year “*out of the ashes of the genocide, Rwanda has forged a new path, progressing towards a more peaceful and just society.*” I hope you will consider joining us, as we reflect on the forged new path and our progress towards protecting our commitment to “Never again” genocide.

I look forward to your response to this call to the global community to unite in memory of the victims of the genocide against Tutsi, while supporting survivors’ and Rwanda’s efforts to renew.

With my highest regards,

Prof. Mathilde Mukantabana
Ambassador