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The Honorable Atiku Abubakar
Nigeria, West Africa

Dear Vice President Abubakar:

The National Peace Corps Association cordially invites you to participate in a special anniversary event entitled "Conversations: the Future of the Peace Corps" to be held at the National Theatre in Washington, DC, on September 24, 2011 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. This program will engage global leaders in a discussion on how the Peace Corps can help build a more peaceful and prosperous world during the next 50 years. President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and former Afghan Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani have agreed to participate on this panel. Additional invitations have been sent to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretary General Secretary Sirun Pitsuwan of Thailand and former Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo. This panel will be moderated by renowned journalist Bill Moyers, who was the first deputy director of the Peace Corps.

Your educational experience with Peace Corps volunteers and your vast knowledge of both the government and private sectors of West Africa make you an ideal candidate for this panel. This event is one of a series of anniversary events from September 22-25, 2011 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps.

It is also my honor to notify you that you are the first winner of the Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award. Senator Wofford is a leading contributor to the Peace Corps legacy. During President John F. Kennedy's tenure he was instrumental in the formation of the Peace Corps and served as the Peace Corps' special representative to Africa and director of operations in Ethiopia. He was appointed associate director of the Peace Corps in 1962 and held that position until 1966.

This award honors those influenced by the Peace Corps from other countries. It will be presented on September 24, 2011 at The Promise of the Peace Corps Gala held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. The gala is the capstone event in the weekend long series of activities.

Founded in 1979 and headquartered in Washington, DC, the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is the nation's leading 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization supporting Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Peace Corps community through networking and mentoring to help guide former volunteers through their continued service back home. It is also the longest-standing advocate for an independent and robust Peace Corps and its values. NPCA is the principal convener of the anniversary events in Washington, DC. To date nearly 3,000 people are registered to attend the three days of events.

This is a tremendous opportunity for global leaders like you to be honored and share your thoughts on how the Peace Corps community can continue to help build a more peaceful world.

Thank you very much for your consideration in attending and participating in these anniversary events.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin F. F. Quigley".

Kevin F. F. Quigley
President