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US Department of State
Office of the Secretary
Room 7226
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October 13, 2022

Subject: Presentation of the HCCP-Global Think Tank Roadmap for Peace on the war between Russia and Ukraine - Request for Participation in the Peace Thursdays Forum in Brussels.

Dear Secretary Blinken,

The purpose of my letter is of the highest importance. Indeed, I am writing as the Executive Director of the HCCP-Global Think Tank newly established by a Royal Decree in Brussels in June 2022. I was Program Manager for the Haiti Transition Initiative, funded by the U.S. government (USAID) and implemented by the International Organization for Migration. I am also a **Senior Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (SEF Spring 2011)**

I am pleased to share the "***Handy Concept for Connecting People (HCCP-Global Think Tank) Roadmap for Peace on the war between Russia and Ukraine.***" I fervently hope that this contribution will advance the cause of world peace in a rather complex and tumultuous geopolitical landscape fraught with security perils. I am cognizant of the magnitude of the challenges you face having spent half of my life in war zones. However, I believe that we all share a joint responsibility to preserve the future of this planet.

As you are no doubt aware, in the current tense geopolitical environment, impactful and thoughtful laboratories of ideas are more than needed. There is a whole school of thought to which we subscribe that advocates for increased involvement of Think Tanks in International Relations and Global Affairs. We intend to play that beneficial positive role in cooperation with the U.S. Administration and your multilayer assistance through USAID.

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Intending to put to the test the fundamental components of this Roadmap, I am pleased to invite you as a Keynote Speaker to our flagship event, the Peace Thursdays Forum, that will take place on **November 10, 2022**, at the Royal Club Chateau Sainte-Anne in Brussels -Belgium(from 16h00- 21h00).

The title of this event is: **"War and Peace: Waging Peace- Averting Terminal Wars in an Unravelling Rules-Based World Order; What Credible Options for World Peace? "**

Participating in this **Forum du Jeudi de la Paix** will return multiple trickle-down benefits for the U.S. global soft power impact. We are thrilled to have you present at this Peace Thursdays Forum and to hear from you about the U.S. State Department's world peace efforts, advancements, and their impact in Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. We would also love to hear your thoughts about U.S. exceptionalism at this critical juncture which calls for thought leadership.

The Peace Thursdays Forum is a collaborative, informal, and a-political gathering that brings together the best minds in reflecting on global affairs and various constituencies to discuss fundamental challenges facing world peace and how they can be addressed by working together. The November event will take place one day ahead of the Armistice celebrations of November 11 in memory of the end of World war I in 1918. Needless to say, that the Forum has a symbolic charge that will be on full display.

This particular Peace Thursdays Forum, which will take place in the heart of European institutions amid a murky conflict in eastern Europe, is **intended to cause a tiny spark of survival in the brains, souls, and spirits of those who have the power to stop or accelerate our march toward the "Nuclear Armageddon."** At this point, it would not be elegant to make suggestions to an aptly staffed department filled with high-caliber professionals, but desirably in light of the Roadmap key tenets, it would be welcome news to associate the Russians with this gathering. Inviting your counterpart Sergei Lavrov to this meeting would send a powerful sign of de-escalation and the beginning of a decisive move towards lasting peace in Europe.

In the final analysis, you may wish to know that the said Roadmap was developed following the issuance of **The HCCP-Global Think Tank Africa's Global Strategy** for the United States of America ("**Building an Enduring Bond between Africa and America**") with concrete projects that are being shared with the USAID leadership for an ensuing swift implementation.

We look forward to your positive response that will undoubtedly motivate our nascent Global Think Tank with a global view of the world.

I can be reached over the phone at all times at **+32 487 76 56 48** or on WhatsApp at **+1 929 317 7197** (Email: handy@hccp-globalthinktank.org or ahandy2@gmail.com)

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Structure and Organization: *Of note, Informal and a-political, the particularity of the Peace Thursdays Forum is the anonymity of the Guest of Honor, who is only known at the last minute. This makes it possible to have guests and participants who focus on the theme/topic and not on the personality of the keynote speaker, thus avoiding massive crowds. The intervention will last 30 minutes or less, followed by a lively debate or questions and answers session. The evening ends with high-level networking around a wine tasting (dégustation de grand crus)*

For your viewing pleasure, the following links have been selected to highlight the diverse and broad spectrum of people who attended our launch on June 16, 2022. For more information, you may also want to click on the social media icons: Liens video du 16 Juin 2022

https://youtu.be/k4pnJtY_DZM

<https://youtu.be/5eUTMO9WQTo>

<https://youtu.be/XCEEMy1grOE>

<https://youtu.be/4yG09vTKtHQ>

<https://youtu.be/8mzxLGLekEI>

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