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“Harvest of Hope Gala”

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Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the United States Department of State tonight to commemorate this Harvest of Hope for Afghanistan with Heidi Kuhn and Roots of Peace.

The U.S. Government has contributed over \$1.3 billion to destroy explosive remnants of war, clear contaminated land and return it to productive use. But governments alone cannot solve this problem. When the State Department's Public-Private Partnership Program for Humanitarian Mine Action was created in 1997, we had no idea that it would grow to more than 60 partners today and generate tens of millions of dollars in private contributions. Roots of Peace was an early member of this partnership program, and we have been proud to work with them for the past ten years. We also recognized the commitment and support of Secretaries of State Albright, Powell, and now Rice to return mine-affected land to safe and productive use.

Tonight, we join with Roots of Peace to honor its supporters who have helped revitalize agriculture in the Shomali Valley of Afghanistan. Working with the State Department, other governments, international organizations, private businesses, individuals and most of all, with the people of Afghanistan, Roots of Peace has helped return some of the most fertile land in the region to Afghan farmers, allowing them to provide food for their families and export fruits to neighboring states.

We are especially pleased to honor two outstanding individuals, Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad of Afghanistan and Gillian Sorensen of the United Nations Foundation, for their efforts to make the world a safer place, free from the threat of landmines and explosive remnants of war. They have been key figures in spurring the international community to action.

My heartfelt thanks to Heidi Kuhn and Roots of Peace for sharing their Harvest of Hope with all of us this evening. Their contributions to mine-impact-free communities in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia and Croatia will continue to motivate and inspire. Thank you, and may we continue to plant "roots of peace" around the world.

Mark Kimmitt



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Legends of the Vine

ROOTS OF PEACE GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD 2008

GILLIAN MARTIN SORENSEN



Gillian Martin Sorensen, formerly the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations, now Senior Advisor at the United Nations Foundation, is a national advocate on matters related to the United Nations and the United States-United Nations relationship, addressing audiences as diverse as Rotary International and the Air Force Academy; university students; staff and Members of Congress; journalists and leaders of civil society.

From 1997 to 2003, she served as UN Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations, by appointment of Secretary-General Kofi Annan. She was responsible for outreach to non-governmental organizations and was the contact point for the Secretary-General with parliamentarians, the academic world, religious leaders and other groups committed to peace, justice, development and human rights.

Prior to that, Mrs. Sorensen served from 1993 to 1996 as UN Special Adviser for Public Policy, by appointment of Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, where her duties included directing the UN's global Fiftieth Anniversary observances in 1995. She led the planning of conferences, debates, documentaries, concerts and exhibits; the preparation of books and curricular materials, and the coordination of the UN50 Summit in which 180 Presidents and Prime Ministers participated. She is an experienced public speaker and often represented the United Nations in this country and abroad.

Mrs. Sorensen earlier served for over 12 years (1978-1990), by appointment of Mayor Edward I. Koch, New York City Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps, the City's liaison with the world's largest diplomatic community. Her responsibilities included matters of diplomatic security and immunity, housing and education, and other cultural and business contacts between the host city and over 30,000 diplomats. She secured Federal reimbursement for New York City for the costs of diplomatic protection, which continues to this day. During this time, she was described as "The diplomat's diplomat" by *The New York Times*.

Gillian Sorensen is a graduate of Smith College and studied at the Sorbonne. In the fall of 2002, on leave from the UN, she was a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government (Institute of Politics) at Harvard University. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a Fellow at the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy. Previously, she served as a Board Member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, by appointment of the President of the United States. In addition to her public service, she has been active in politics and was a delegate to three national Presidential conventions. She is married to Theodore C. Sorensen, writer and attorney.

Harvest of Hope Gala Program

"Mines to Vines" Reception
Thomas Jefferson Room
6:00pm - 7:00pm

"Harvest of Hope" Dinner
Benjamin Franklin Room
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Mistress of Ceremonies
ABC7 News Anchor, Cheryl Jennings, San Francisco

Welcoming Remarks
Assistant Secretary of State, Mark Kimmitt

Opening Song: "America The Beautiful"
Performed by David Jenkins, Pablo Cruise Band;
Lorin Rowan, Rowan Brothers Band

Presentation of Roots of Peace Global Citizen Awards 2008
Heidi Kuhn, Founder, Roots of Peace

Gillian Sorensen, Senior Advisor, United Nations Foundation
and former Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations

Said Tayeb Jawad, Afghan Ambassador to the United States of America

Interfaith Blessing
Noah Griffin, Poet

GALA DINNER
"The Central Garden of Asia"
Featuring bountiful agriculture crops with roots in Afghanistan

Dessert Song
"Roots of Peace - The Harvest Will Be Found"

"Mines to Vines" Toast

Closing Song

Harvest of Hope Gala Dinner

Thomas Jefferson Room
Honoring America's Third President
Honoring First U.S. Ambassador to France
America's First Secretary of State
America's First Wine Connoisseur

*"WE COULD IN THE UNITED STATES MAKE AS GREAT A VARIETY OF WINES AS ARE
MADE IN EUROPE, NOT EXACTLY OF THE SAME KINDS, BUT DOUBTLESS AS GOOD."
THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743-1826)*

Classic Hors d'oeuvres
Open-faced canapés of smoked salmon
Tartlets of baked brie and sundried tomatoes
Chicken satay with spicy peanut sauce
Vegetarian harvest rolls-sweet & sour dip
Samosas

"Harvest of Hope" Gala Dinner
Benjamin Franklin Room
*"WINE MAKES DAILY LIVING EASIER, LESS HURRIED, WITH FEWER TENSIONS
AND MORE TOLERANCE - BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (1709-1790)*

First Course:
"PomeGreat Salad" - featuring the world's most ancient fruit
"Three Bells" pomegranates

Main Course:
Tournedos of Beef with Béarnaise Sauce
Fresh Maryland Crab Cakes
Spiced Oven-Browned Baby Red Bliss Potatoes
Baby Sunburst Squash
Dinner Rolls "Naan" with Butter Roses

Dessert:
Elegant Pastry "Swan" filled with chocolate mousse and fresh raspberries

Finale:
"Mines to Vines" Champagne Toast



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His Excellency Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad

Afghan Ambassador to the United States



His Excellency Said T. Jawad was appointed as Afghanistan's Ambassador to the United States by President Hamid Karzai on December 4, 2003. Under his leadership, the Embassy of Afghanistan is emerging as one of the most successful missions in Washington, DC. He also serves as Afghanistan's non-resident Ambassador to Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and Argentina.

Ambassador Jawad returned to Afghanistan four months after 9/11 to assist in the new country's state-building process. He served as the President's Press Secretary and Chief of Staff as well as the Director of the Office of International Relations at the Presidential Palace. Ambassador Jawad has worked closely with President Karzai in formulating strategies, implementing policies, building national institutions and prioritizing reforms in Afghanistan. He also worked with U.S. and Afghan military experts to help reform the Ministry of Defense and rebuild the Afghan National Army. Ambassador Jawad was instrumental in drafting Afghanistan's foreign investment laws; he served as President Karzai's principal liaison with the constitutional commission throughout the drafting of Afghanistan's Constitution.

Ambassador Jawad was educated at the Afghan French Lycée Istiklal and School of Law and Political Sciences at Kabul University and Westfaelische Wilhelms University in Muenster, Germany. In 1986, he settled in the United States, where he earned his MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and worked for a number of prominent law firms.

Ambassador Jawad has published hundreds of articles and commentaries in the United States, Europe and Afghanistan. He is fluent in English, German and French. He is married to Shamim Jawad, a financial consultant, and they have a son, Iman, 17.



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR "HARVEST OF HOPE" GUESTS

December 3, 2008

On behalf of Roots of Peace, we would like to welcome you to this special evening to celebrate the 2nd Annual "Harvest of Hope" Gala hosted at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. The "Harvest of Hope" celebrates the orchards of apples, apricots, almonds, pomegranates, and fields of grapes planted on former minefields.

This evening represents the true spirit of America, as we continue to transform "ideas into reality" through the establishment of public-private partnerships. We salute the generosity of the U.S. Department of State as they join in our vision to unite civil society to plant the roots of peace in war-torn regions. This special gathering in both the Thomas Jefferson Room and the Benjamin Franklin Room is reminiscent of the gatherings of our forefathers to create a great nation where we bond our philosophies for freedom and civic virtue.

Tonight, in this historic room, we may take this opportunity to bridge new borders for peace from the heart of San Francisco to Washington, D.C. Thomas Jefferson was America's first Secretary of State from 1790-1793, and we lift our glasses in a ***MINES TO VINES*** global toast to peace—respecting the past efforts of Secretary of State Condeleeza Rice and welcoming the new vision of incoming Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Roots of Peace is dedicated to the eradication of landmines worldwide. Our mission is to turn minefields into prosperous farmland. By restoring the lands' economic viability, we strengthen community values and restore a sense of peace. We also try to help restore dignity among mine victims by supporting their agricultural livelihoods in the age-old cycle of planting, cultivating and harvesting.

The vision for Roots of Peace began with a simple ***MINES TO VINES*** toast in 1997 from the home of a wife and mother of four children living in Marin County, California. The values of our American forefathers are alive and well today, as our dreams to replace the scourge of landmines with bountiful vineyards are being realized—planting rice in Cambodia, orchards in Croatia, fresh grapes in Afghanistan, flowers in Bosnia-Herzegovina, wheat in Iraq and soccer fields in Angola. In addition, the Roots of Peace Penny Campaign has raised over 25 million pennies (\$250,000) to establish schools and soccer fields in Afghanistan—American children restoring childhood dreams for future generations.

Together, may we join as global citizens to transform minefields into bountiful agricultural fields... where grounded visions of *hope and change* may thrive.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Heidi Kuhn, Founder/CEO

"You have turned mines to vines by replacing the seeds of destruction with the seeds of life...and you have shown the world that even with modest beginnings, a partnership backed up by persistence can make a real difference."

--His Excellency, Kofi Annan

United Nations Secretary-General, June 2000