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Dear Henry,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the United Nations Association of the UK (UNA-UK) and in response to the indication given this week in the House of Lords that the government would welcome any suggestions for elements that could be included in the UN General Assembly resolution on an Olympic Truce, which the British government will be putting forward in the context of the 2012 games in London.

In addition to the traditional elements in such resolutions which have, regrettably, so far not been very effective, UNA-UK hopes that the government will consider the inclusion of some practical ways of improving the UN's capacity for preventing conflict. This capacity remains in our view far short of what is necessary, and any steps that could be taken to strengthen it would make a real contribution to the broader objectives envisioned by the concept of an Olympic Truce.

Lord Hannay of Chiswick  
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