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Dear Your Excellency Ambassador Hilale:

I cordially invite you to participate in my program at New York University's Center for Global Affairs, entitled "*Global Leaders: Conversations with Alon Ben-Meir*," this fall. It would be a tremendous honor if you would join me to discuss the most relevant issues pertaining to Morocco and the region.

In the interest of consecutive dialogue and promoting the free and open encounter of ideas, I will be extending an invite for the same event to Representative Buhari of the Frente Polisario, so that the two of you can engage and inform the audience about issues of contention you face.

In my previous programs I had the pleasure of hosting, among others, the following esteemed guests: **Prince Turki Al-Faisal** of Saudi Arabia, former US Ambassador to the United Nations **Zalmay Khalilzad**, Arab League Ambassador **Mohammed Al Hussaini Al Sharif**, the former President of Georgia **Mikheil Saakashvili**, former Ambassador of Egypt to the United Nations **Maged Abdelaziz**, Ambassador of Qatar to the United States **Mohamed Bin Abdulla Al-Rumaihi**, the UN Special Envoy to the Middle East **Terje Roed-Larsen**, Ambassador of Jordan to the US/UN **Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid al-Hussein**, Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States, **Urs Ziswiler**, and the former Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the United States **John Bruton**.

The format for this event is for the guest speaker to engage in a discussion with me, followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers with the audience, which generally consists of graduate students, faculty members, and NYU alumni. The program will be held at New York University, located at 15 Barclay Street and lasts from 6:30 to 8:00pm. It is followed by a reception and a private dinner should your time allow.

The dates that are currently available are **October** 1, 7, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 28 and **November** 3, 17-19, and 24.

I believe that a collaborative event of this nature would provide a great opportunity to shed light on many critical issues facing Morocco and the Middle East in general.

Most respectfully yours,

Dr. Alon Ben-Meir