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His Excellency Ombeni Yohana Sepue^f
2139 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to request your assistance in publicizing a fellowship that enables a mid-career professional to pursue the Master of International Policy and Practice (M.I.P.P.) program at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. The Merriman Fellowship, which is named for a former GW professor, the late Howard Merriman, is made possible by a generous grant from the Lindner family.

M.I.P.P. applicants from countries outside of the United States are eligible for the fellowship, which covers tuition, fees, and living expenses equivalent to approximately \$49,000. The fellowship, which will be awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year, is ideal for a candidate who is taking a one-year sabbatical from his or her organization, though it is not limited to that purpose. Past fellows in the M.I.P.P. program have included diplomats, government policy makers, journalists, and NGO managers.

The Merriman Fellowship is extremely competitive. Candidates applying for the M.I.P.P. program must have a bachelor's degree plus either eight years of professional work experience or an advanced degree. GRE scores are strongly recommended but not required. A TOEFL score of 600 (250 on the computer-based test or 100 on the internet-based test) is required for admission.

The M.I.P.P. is an intensive, one-year degree program for mid-career professionals. M.I.P.P. candidates take three core courses: international politics, international economics, and a seminar that engages participants in discussions with prominent guest speakers from the policy community. Remaining coursework is tailored to individual needs and interests. M.I.P.P. candidates can concentrate on a wide range of subjects including international business, economics, politics, development, security policy, science and technology policy, or U.S. foreign policy. M.I.P.P. candidates may also choose to study the dynamics of a particular region, such as Latin America or the Middle East.

To be considered for the Merriman Fellowship (and all other graduate awards at the Elliott School), applications must be received by January 15, 2009. For further details, please contact The Office of Graduate Admissions, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington DC 20052, Telephone: +1 (202) 994-7050, Fax: +1 (202) 994-9537, Email: esiagrad@gwu.edu. Additional information is available on our website at www.elliott.gwu.edu.

Sincerely,

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