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Dear Dr. Kuofie:

Thank you for your invitation to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to deliver the keynote address at the USA-Africa International Business Conference, November 29-30.

Secretary Rice appreciates the invitation, however, her busy and uncertain schedule prevents her from participating in the conference. Should you be interested in another State Department official, please contact Eileen McCormick Place, Bureau of Public Affairs, (202) 647-8948. In addition, the U.S. Department of State is unable to serve as a partner for the conference.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Portia Palmer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Portia Palmer
Director
Office of Public Liaison