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Dear Mr Saha,

Thank you for your letter of 14 July inviting me to attend the Parliament of Religions 2008 - Festival for "Universal Tolerance, Harmony and Peace" on 21 September.

I recognise that inter faith dialogue and engagement is part of the glue that binds our society together and very much value the many years of your communities' commitment to this work. The Vivekananda Human Centre have a long, proud and respected tradition which gives much to today's Britain and your clear obligation to work towards religious tolerance and respect for other faiths, is an aim shared by both myself and a wide range of different communities across British society.

Existing diary commitments mean that I am unfortunately unable to accept your kind invitation, I do however, send my best wishes for a most memorable and successful event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Parmjit Dhanda".

**PARMJIT DHANDA MP**