

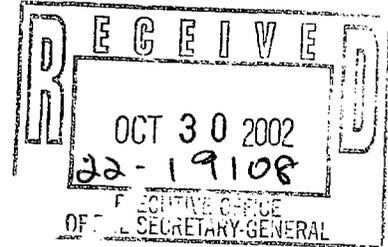
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Note to Mr. Riza

**Press Release announcing
The United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme**

Thank you for obtaining the Secretary-General's signature to launch the new UN Fulbright Fellowship Programme within the United Nations. I would be grateful if you would obtain clearance of the attached press release announcing the Programme. Following the announcement by the Secretary-General, a joint press release (attached) by the Institute of International Education, the implementing institute of the Fulbright Program, and the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund will be issued describing the Programme in more detail. That second press release contains a brief quote by the Secretary-General, which would also need your clearance.

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(B) Fine

Thank you for your assistance.

Rafiah Salim

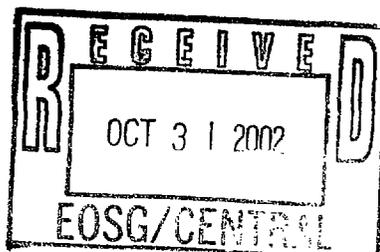
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28 October 2002

Mr. Salim

(A) - Fine - subject to review by spokesman.

(B) - Fine.

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Press Release: Launch of
The United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme

The Secretary-General of the United Nations announces, ~~with great pleasure,~~ the launching of the United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme, created through a partnership with the Institute of International Education, the implementing institution of the Fulbright Program, and the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund, which will fund the new Programme. Under the new Programme, carefully selected current Fulbright students from developing countries will be invited to extend their study/research programmes for six months through placement with a United Nations department or office, which will benefit in equal measure from the energy and expertise of an outstanding scholar in the field. The first Fellows will be matched with host departments and placed at the United Nations during the second half of 2003.

The Secretary-General believes the new Programme will both provide the Organization with specialized expertise and build support for the work of the United Nations among key global constituencies. He is delighted that this partnership will create a formative experience for some of the world's best and brightest students, who can contribute to the advancement of the work of the Organization and return to their countries with a deeper understanding of the United Nations. A detailed press release on the new Programme will be released shortly by the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund and the Institute of International Education. }

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(Mr. Eckhard to review)
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**INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS
ANNOUNCE U.N. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

NEW YORK, October xx, 2002 — The Institute of International Education (IIE) and the United Nations announce the UN Fulbright Fellowship Program, a new professional opportunity for up to 20 students from developing countries and selected countries of Eastern Europe who are currently studying in the United States as Fulbright Fellows. Drawing on the United Nations' professional networks and the Fulbright Program's roster of future leaders from around the world, this new program will provide a formative experience to some of the world's best and brightest students who can contribute to the advancement of the UN's work, learn from UN staff, and gain valuable professional experience. The UN Fulbright Fellowship Program is funded by a grant from the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund. The program will help to build new sources of UN leadership, furthering the aim of the Fulbright Program to educate leaders and lay the foundation for global problem solving.

Fulbright students from developing countries and East Central Europe/Newly Independent States will be invited to apply to begin fellowships with the United Nations in summer 2003. Students will participate in this career-enhancing program for up to six months after completing their Fulbright academic work in the United States and before returning to their home countries, and they will receive a stipend for their work. The program includes a two-day orientation in New York City, electronic networking activities throughout the fellowship, a student-led, wrap-up symposium in New York City, and follow-on activities to keep participants connected after the program's conclusion. The Institute of International Education will collect and review applications, and selection will be made by the United Nations.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, has given full support to the program, which, he said, "has the potential to provide the Organization with specialized expertise and to build support for the work of the United Nations among key global constituencies.

According to IIE president Allan E. Goodman, "One of the keys to leadership development is the synergy that is created when Fulbright students have the opportunity to meet, to exchange views and ideas, and to learn from other leaders in a global context. The new UN Fulbright Fellowship Program exemplifies the leadership training elements and the public-private partnerships that make the Fulbright Program unique." IIE works to provide leadership development opportunities such as Fulbright Enrichment Seminars and Fulbright Convocations to Fulbright students and faculty throughout the country.

"We are proud that the UN Foundation/Better World Fund's partnership with IIE and the UN will help make it possible to allow the best and the brightest scholars from the developing world to contribute their valuable knowledge and experience to the United Nations and to take away a deeper understanding and appreciation of the UN and its important work," said Timothy E. Wirth, President of the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund. "By capitalizing upon the strengths of the Fulbright Program and marrying it with the needs of the UN, the UN Fulbright Fellowship Program will help broaden the base of the next generation of UN leaders and advocates for global cooperation."

The Fulbright Program, the United States' premier educational exchange program, is an effective and prestigious form of public diplomacy, strengthening understanding and communication between the United States and over 140 nations. IIE has administered the Fulbright Program for the U.S. Department of State since its inception over 50 years ago. The Program has enriched the lives of over 225,000 men and women, brought some of the world's finest minds to U.S. campuses, and offered the future leaders of scores of foreign countries an insight into U.S. society and values. The Fulbright Program enables more than 5,000 students and faculty each year to study, teach, or conduct research outside of their home countries. They bring an essential international perspective to U.S. higher education, business, and government sectors and make an invaluable contribution to the understanding of the United States overseas.

*The **Institute of International Education (IIE)** is the world leader in the international exchange of people and ideas. Its expertise enables institutions and individuals to build capacity in their home countries and regions. IIE designs and implements over 200 programs of study and training for students, educators, young professionals and trainees from all sectors with funding from government and private sources. These programs include the Fulbright Student and Scholar programs and the Humphrey Fellowships, administered for the Department of State, and the Development Training II project administered for the U.S. Agency for International Development, as well as corporate training and scholarship programs. IIE also conducts policy research and provides advice and counseling on international educational opportunities abroad. The Institute of International Education has a network of 19 offices worldwide, over 720 college and university members, and more than 5,000 volunteers. Information about IIE can be obtained from IIE's website www.iie.org or by e-mail at PublicAffairs@iie.org.*

*The **United Nations Foundation** and its sister organization, the **Better World Fund**, were established in 1998 to administer R.E. Turner's unprecedented gift of \$1 billion to support the United Nations and its causes. The UN Foundation provides grants to UN Agencies, Funds, and Programmes for work in the areas of Women and Population; Children's Health; the Environment; Peace, Security, and Human Rights; and works to bring other private sector parties together in partnership. The Better World Fund complements the work of the UN Foundation through support of selected programs designed to raise awareness about the vital role of the UN and promote international engagement with and through the UN.*