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Honorable Secretary -General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon
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Dear Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

First, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to you on receiving a second term as Secretary-General. Your leadership over the years has become an inspiration to millions of people around the world. Second, over the last three years, I have spoken at the United Nations 4th Committee about the importance of self determination, reconciliation, and peace. I humbly ask that you continue to work diligently to end all forms of colonialism. Third, I am elated that you and my good friend, President of the 66th session of the General Assembly H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser have decided to collaborate on making preventive diplomacy and mediation top priorities during this session. The United Nations should always support the practice of preventive diplomacy because resolving disputes in a systematic, logical, and peaceful manner is the most effective way to avoid potentially violent conflicts.

Secretary-General, I have enclosed a copy of my copy written document, *Preventative Diplomacy: Theory and Flowchart*© for your perusal. This theory encompasses addressing emerging disputes to embracing the healing power of reconciliation. I hope that this systematic theory will assist the UN in creating more stable and peaceful societies. I would also like to ask you to encourage the leaders of the Ivory Coast to refrain from pushing for a truth and reconciliation commission at this moment, and maybe aim first towards establishing an Inquiry of Understanding for Justice (IUJ) in order to mend the still gaping wounds of war. In closing, I would like to thank you and all the other leaders in the UN who work tirelessly on a daily basis to create a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Sincerely,

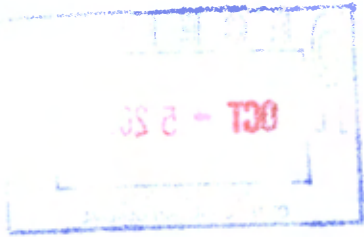
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Preventative Diplomacy: Theory and Flowchart©

Theory and Flowchart
Developed by Edward L. Browne

Preventative Diplomacy: Theory and Flowchart©

After completing the Five Pillars of Reconciliation, I began to explore additional ways to resolve conflicts peacefully. I began to develop a flowchart that would outline preventive diplomacy in a systematic way. Below, I have provided a brief summary of each component.

1. **Emerging Conflict**-dispute between various groups or nations.
2. **Preventive Diplomacy/Mediation**-can resolve most disputes before a full blown conflict emerges.
3. **Conflict**- A state of open often prolonged fighting; a battle or war. A conflict is also a state of disharmony between incompatible or antithetical persons, ideas, or interests; a clash. Most conflicts can either be resolved through negotiations and diplomacy, or violent confrontations and wars.
4. **Post Conflict**-Amicable resolution of a conflict. However, lingering feeling of injustice can still exist between the individuals, groups, or nations.
5. **Inquiry of Understanding for Justice (IUJ)** - promotes the issue of justice which can lead to indictments, prosecution, and imprisonment of individuals for atrocities committed during the conflict. This process must occur before the reconciliation process can effectively take place. This process can involve the local judicial system and go as high as the International Criminal Court.
6. **Reconciliation**- this stage should not be about punishment but healing. This stage can involve truth and reconciliation commissions, the five pillars of reconciliation, tribal commissions, etc..

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