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SECRETARY-GENERAL STRESSES OBLIGATION OF GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE

'Never Should Young People Have To Be Protected from Government', Kofi Annan Adds in Message to Final UN OneWorld Youth Conference, in Mongolia

Following is the text of Secretary-General Kofi Annan's message to the final conference of the United Nations OneWorld Youth Conference Series -- held in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, from 6 to 8 June -- which was delivered by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Kensaku Hogen:

I am delighted that the Government of Mongolia, along with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the participating non-governmental organizations, has organized this "Millennium Summit". This OneWorld Conference Series is a shining example of Mongolia's determination to build a more democratic and prosperous future for all its citizens based on human rights, good governance, and a free and fair market economy.

Mongolia's role at the United Nations is a vital part of this endeavour. Apart from the Vice-Presidency of the General Assembly, Mongolia, through its cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), has embarked on an ambitious anti-poverty programme, which will serve only to strengthen its global presence.

At the regional level too, Mongolia has taken its place among nations as a constructive and progressive member of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum. And through the exploration of new political, economic and environmental arrangements, your country has begun an interesting new discussion on how to enhance regional security in North-East Asia.

Through such initiatives, Mongolia has earned the confidence of the international community. The fifty-third General Assembly session's endorsement of Mongolia's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and economic security is well-deserved recognition of your status as a vital member of the international community, and particularly your commitment to remaining nuclear-free.

This has all been made possible, of course, by some very positive changes within your vast country.

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The adoption of a functioning multi-party system, free election, freedom of the press and opinion, and a commitment to human rights have ignited the spirit, creativity and collective energies of the Mongolian people. This courageous change vividly symbolizes Mongolia's commitment to the ideals of the United Nations Charter and testifies to the determination of its Government to convert those lofty ideas into reality for all Mongolians.

I also welcome your awareness that a commitment to the youth of today is the ultimate guarantor of Mongolia's success.

I have heard many examples of what the delegates to these conferences have accomplished after returning home. The youth participants from one province petitioned their local Government to provide children living on the street with access to health care. And in two others, delegates have set up help-lines and family planning classes for people their own age.

In too many parts of the world, however, young people are not such a high priority -- leaders are too often preoccupied with strife, war, and unsustainable debt burdens to make much of an investment in their future. In certain instances, young people's rights are violated when they are conscripted into premature "employment" as labourers, drug traffickers, and even soldiers. These children are robbed of their future and of their humanity. This must end.

I recently spent two heart-rending days in the Kosovo refugee camps. There I met with many children whose courage in the face of the most horrendous circumstances says much about the strength and determination of youth. I came away from that experience believing more strongly than ever that it is the obligation of government to protect young people. Never should young people have to be protected from government.

Mongolia is on the right path. There is a lot of work left to do, but I am confident that you will succeed.

I wish you a successful conference, and I look forward to the day when I will come in person to see the progress that you have made.

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OFFICE OF THE UN RESIDENT CO-ORDINATOR
IN MONGOLIA

Letter No.: 253
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17 May 1999

Dear Mr. Hogen,

Subject: Mongolia's OneWorld Youth Conference Series

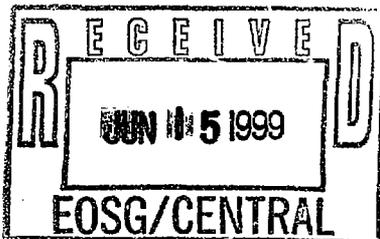
We are delighted that you will be coming to Mongolia as the Secretary-General's representative to "OneWorld U.N. Conference Series, Youth and Mongolia Into the 21st Century."

We have been corresponding with your Special Assistant, Ms. Paula Refolo on the details of your trip to Mongolia. The United Nations is excited to be working with the Government of Mongolia and Women for Social Progress (WSP) as the implementing NGO as our partners on these unique conferences. We are greatly looking forward to your arrival on 5 June 1999 and your participation in our final OneWorld Conference, the Millennium Summit. *name of final conf.*

The OneWorld Conference Series builds upon and takes inspiration from a set of specific international commitments already agreed to by the Government of Mongolia at five of the UN's global summits of the 1990's. The five completed OneWorld Conferences included: ① children, ② human rights, ③ population & development, ④ social development, and ⑤ women & development. We are looking forward to the youth's creation of a holistic National Development Strategy at this sixth and final Summit.

Included in attached information packet is information on the OneWorld Conference Series. We hope that it is useful in your preparations. In addition, I recommend taking a look at our UN Mongolia website which includes a OneWorld Home Page: <http://www.un-mongolia.mn>.

Please notify us with your comments and questions, or if additional materials are needed.



Best regards,

Douglas Gardner
Douglas Gardner
Resident Coordinator

Mr. Kensaku Hogen
UN Under-Secretary General
Department of Public Information

Cc: H.E. Ms. N. Tuya, Minister of External Relations of Mongolia
H.E. Mr. J. Enkhsaikhan, Mongolian Ambassador

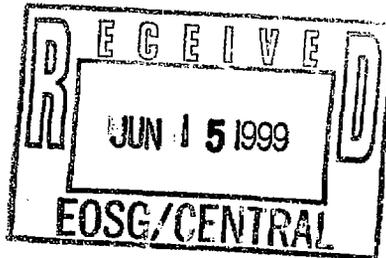
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New York, 14 May 1999

Dear Mr. Hogen,

I have the honour to inform You that H.E. Mr. Janlav NARANTSATSRALT, Prime Minister of Mongolia will attend the opening session of the "One World Conference" to be held from 6 June to 8 June 1999 in Ulaanbaatar, in which You will participate, as the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Therefore the Secretary-General's message could be addressed to the Prime Minister of Mongolia.

The final program of your visit will be forwarded to your Office as soon as the Mission receives it from its Ministry of External Relations.

Taking this opportunity I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your letter and the copies of the booklet on the United Nations (in Mongolian language). I believe that not only the participants of the Conference but also other Mongolian children and youth will benefit from the first United Nations publication on its organization and activities.

Please accept, Mr. Under-Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mr. Kensaku Hogen
Under-Secretary-General for
Communications and Public Information
Secretariat of the United Nations
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Jargalsaikhany ENKHSAIKHAN
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2. *Paula* *(initials)*

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*Mark - do you want to try this one? You might get
some help from Ian, whose brother works in Mongolia -
(He was invaluable when SG had to answer a question on
Genghis Khan's role in world history!)*

NOTE TO MR. MORTIMER

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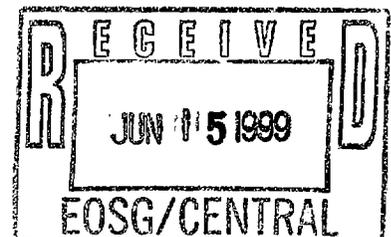
Subject: Request for a message from the
Secretary-General for a Mongolia
Youth Conference

I have been requested by the Secretary-General to represent him at the final conference of the "One World Project" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 6 to 8 June 1999. The One World Project consists of a series of conferences focusing on youth and devoted to the implementation in Mongolia of decisions adopted by various UN international conferences on issues such as children, human rights and sustainable development. Young people from all over Mongolia are expected to attend and discuss how they may contribute to the work of the UN.

I would appreciate if your colleagues could prepare a brief message which I can deliver at the conference on behalf of the Secretary-General. For reference, I attach a copy of the letter from the Prime Minister of Mongolia to the Secretary-General on the subject, as well as the Secretary-General's reply. Please note that the Department of Political Affairs has indicated that it would be happy to contribute elements for the message, as indicated in Mr. de Soto's note to Mr. Riza of 12 April (attached).

Thank you.

Kensaku Hogen
Kensaku Hogen
11 May 1999



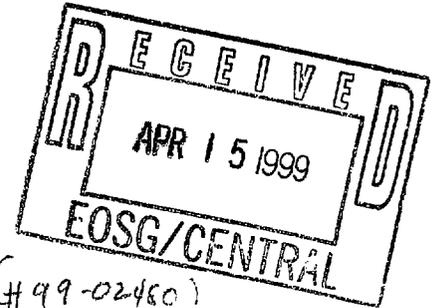
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

*Mongolia
Invits for Rep.
Future Trips (Asia)*

13 April 1999



Excellency,

Thank you for your letter conveyed to me on 17 February by His Excellency Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan, Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations. In that letter, you kindly extended to me an invitation to visit Mongolia in May, and to participate in the conclusion of a series of conferences which have taken place within Mongolia's "One World" project and which have focused on many topics of great significance not only to Mongolia, but also to the United Nations and the international community.

I am fully aware of the importance of this project and am gratified to learn of the successful implementation by Mongolia of the major decisions adopted by various United Nations Summits and Conferences. However, to my deep regret, previous commitments preclude me from visiting your country at this juncture, though I do hope to be able to do so at an early opportunity. I have therefore requested Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, to represent me at the conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. Janlav Narantsatsralt
Prime Minister of Mongolia
Ulaanbaatar

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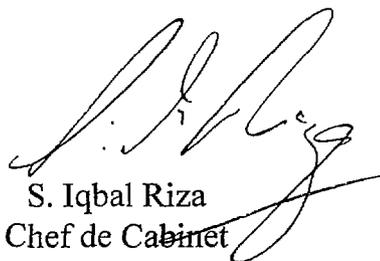
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the attached letter to His Excellency Mr. Janlav Narantsatsralt, Prime Minister of Mongolia.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



S. Iqbal Riza
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan
Permanent Representative of Mongolia
to the United Nations
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Note to Mr. Riza

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MONGOLIA'S INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. On 17 February, the Permanent Representative of Mongolia met with the Secretary-General and conveyed to him a letter from the Prime Minister (copy attached) inviting the Secretary-General to visit Mongolia and participate in the final conference of the "One World" project, to be held in May or early June 1999. The project consists of a series of conferences focusing on youth and devoted to the implementation in Mongolia of the decisions adopted by various UN-sponsored summits and global meetings on such issues as children, human rights, and sustainable development. On 9 March, the Resident Coordinator was informed by your office that the Secretary-General would not be able to attend the event. However, the letter from the Prime Minister has yet to be answered.

2. The Mongolian Mission is becoming increasingly anxious to receive an official reply to the Prime Minister's letter, as the Government needs to announce the exact dates of the conference, which are being kept open in anticipation of a reply. Informally, the Ambassador has indicated to us that, if the Secretary-General is not able to visit Mongolia to address the conference, the Government would be glad to receive Mr. Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, in his stead.

3. While it may not be possible for the Secretary-General to travel to Mongolia on this occasion, a visit by him at some future point would provide a powerful boost for Mongolia's efforts to part with the past and accelerate its movement towards a better future. Meanwhile, we suggest that the Secretary-General ask Mr. Hogen to represent him at the conference in question, provided his other commitments allow him to do so. Mr. Hogen's office is already aware of the possibility of such a request.

4. We have prepared a reply to the Prime Minister's letter along these lines. If so desired, DPA would be happy to contribute elements for a message of the Secretary-General to be read to the conference by his representative.


Alvaro de Soto
12 April 1999

cc: Mr. Hogen
Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Vendrell

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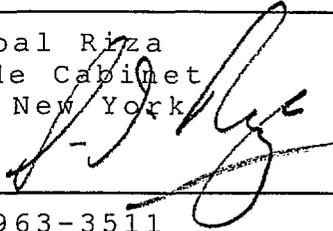


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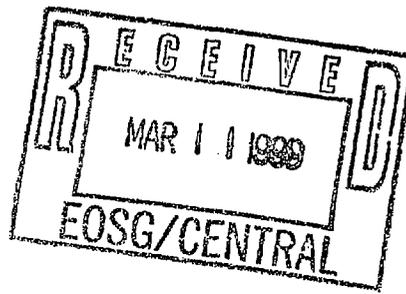
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SUBJECT: Millennium Summit	

1. I would like to thank you for your letter of 15 February 1999 addressed to the Secretary-General, regarding the Millennium Summit of the ONE WORLD conference, to be held in Mongolia in May or June 1999.

2. Due to other official commitments, the Secretary-General does not foresee the opportunity to visit Mongolia in the coming year. Consequently, he will be unable to participate in the Millennium Summit.

Thank you and best regards.



cc: Mr. Speth
Mr. Doss



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15 February 1999

Dear Secretary-General Annan,

Subject: Your potential visit to Mongolia

Warm regards from all of your colleagues in Mongolia!

We understand that you have received a standing invitation from the Mongolian Government to visit their country. We would certainly welcome the visit and would like to suggest an optimal timing for such a visit, that would give a boost to an exciting national effort in Mongolia's follow-up to the global UN Summits/Conferences.

A major step forward on this was made in 1998 with the launch of a series of ONE WORLD UN Conferences on these various international Summits/Conferences. Youth from all over the nation (150 teenagers – 6 from each province) have been brought to the capital city on three occasions.

The first ONE WORLD UN Conference addressed Mongolia's follow-up to the Children's Summit (November 1998), the second meeting focussed on Human Rights (December 1998), while the third (January 1999) has covered actions on Population and Development.

These gatherings of youth have had a fantastic response and have succeeded in breathing renewed vigor into the related goals of the global Summits/Conferences. They have been led by youth, though with speeches/visits from Mongolia's Prime-Minister, the Minister of External Relations and other Cabinet Members, Members of Parliament, representatives of the international donor community, NGOs and other civil society organizations, UN colleagues and the media. The openings of the three events were broadcast live on national television. The youth delegates have proven to be outstanding UN-ambassadors on issues of national concern once returned home.

In the first half of 1999 there will be similar ONE WORLD Conferences related to social development and women. The sixth and final ONE WORLD will be the Millennium Summit, the closing Conference, where we will aim to integrate the output of the previous five ONE WORLD's into one, powerful action program, looking at Mongolia's opportunities for the new Millennium.

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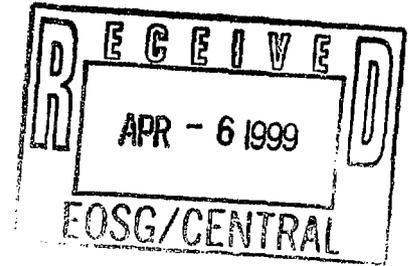
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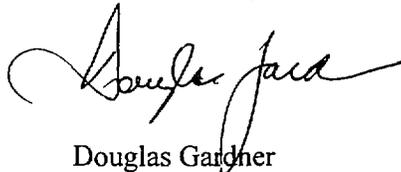
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Your presence at this Millennium Summit would be an important contribution to the success of the entire ONE WORLD Series and an inspiration for youth, the Government and the UN and WB/IMF Country Team. The date is flexible at this point with a general target of May or June of 1999. The timing could be tailored to meet your schedule.

We would welcome your feedback on the timing of a potential visit to Mongolia and hope that the ONE WORLD follow-up to the global UN Summits/Conferences might provide a useful base for your scheduling consideration. Our home page on the internet is a valuable ONE WORLD resource for your reference as well.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas Gardner
United Nations Resident Coordinator
Mongolia

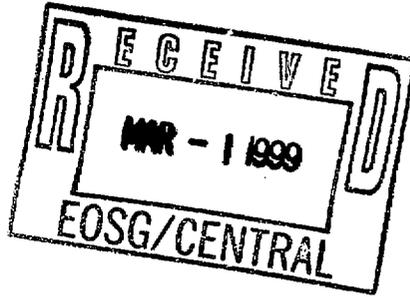
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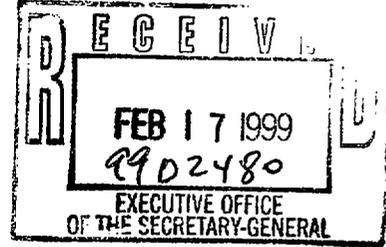
Mr. Alan Doss
UNDG Director

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Excellency,

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Your Excellency for your warm congratulations on my appointment as Prime-Minister of Mongolia.

Attaching great importance to the United Nations, Mongolia has actively participated in the work of the United Nations and promoted fruitful cooperation with its agencies. I wish to assure you that the new Government will continue these policies. I avail myself of this opportunity to express my belief that the UN Secretary-General will find time to pay a visit to Mongolia and to participate in a concluding conference of UN conference series to be held in May 1999 within "One World" project, being successfully implemented in Mongolia in cooperation with the UN.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

J. NARANTSATSRALT
PRIME - MINISTER OF MONGOLIA

Noted.
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HIS EXCELLENCY MR. KOFI ANNAN
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