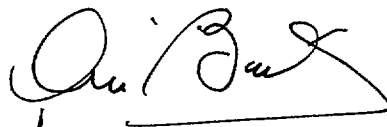


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**Note to Mr. Sach**  
**Re: Strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009**

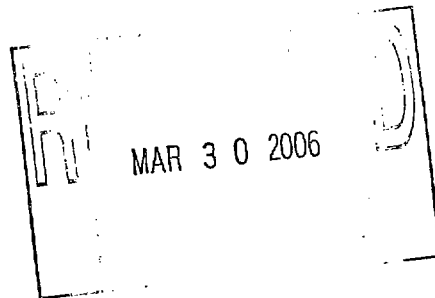
In reference to your memo of 27 March on the above, EOSG concurs with your approach outlined in paragraph 4 of the said memo. Please proceed accordingly.

Best regards.



Alicia Bárcena  
30 March 2006

cc: Mr. Malloch-Brown



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to: Ms. Alicia Bárcena  
A: Deputy Chef de Cabinet

DATE: 27 March 2006

REFERENCE:

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FROM: Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General  
DE: Controller

SUBJECT: **Strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009**  
OBJET:

1. As you know, instructions for the preparation of the strategic framework are normally issued prior to the start of the preceding biennium. For the current cycle, instructions for the 2008-2009 strategic framework should have been issued well before 1 January 2006.
2. However, given the review of mandates older than 5 years requested by the 2005 World Summit Outcome, preparations for the next strategic framework have been delayed. The Secretary-General's report (A/60/430) on the implementation of decisions from the 2005 World Summit Outcome indicated that the preparation of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 will be initiated by the Secretary-General subsequent to the General Assembly's approval of the review. The same report detailed that, consequently, the proposed strategic framework will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination in August/September 2006 so that its recommendations may be presented to the Assembly at its sixty-first session.
3. A number of timing difficulties relate to the above process. As of the current date, the report on the review of mandates has not yet been issued. Should preparation of the strategic framework commence following consideration and General Assembly action on the report, the possibility exists that the strategic framework will not be finalized and issued by September 2006. Under the circumstances, it may be prudent to advise departments and offices to begin advance preparation of the strategic framework pending decisions to be taken on the mandate review.
4. It is also important to note that without proceeding with the preparation of the strategic framework for 2008-2009, the programme budget for the period cannot be prepared. Budget preparations for the next biennium are scheduled to begin in September of this year, by which time it is critical that a

strategic framework proposal has been finalized. Accordingly, I propose to proceed with the issuance of instructions for the strategic framework, notwithstanding that the report on the review of mandates has not yet been introduced and considered by the General Assembly. Your concurrence to this approach would be appreciated.

cc: Ms. Van Buerle