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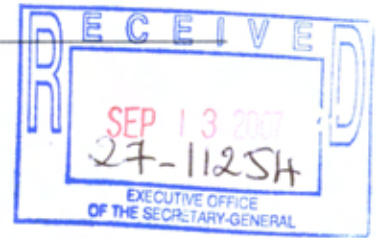
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NOTE TO THE CHEF DE CABINET

Contribution to the UN Democracy Fund

Dear Mr. Naumbach,

(#27-11072)



Please find attached a draft letter from the Secretary-General to the Permanent Representative of Germany thanking him for the contribution to the Democracy Fund.

Amir A. Dossal

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10 September 2007

cc: The Deputy Secretary-General



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DER STÄNDIGE VERTRETER DEUTSCHLANDS
BEI DEN VEREINTEN NATIONEN
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMANY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

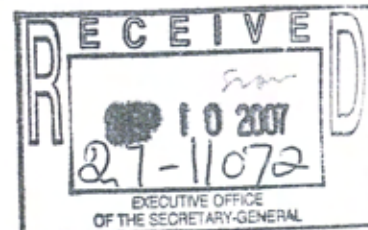
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7 September 2007

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His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations
Secretariat Building, Room S-3800
New York, NY 10017



Excellency,

Germany is a founding member of the UN-Democracy Fund. As a member of the Advisory Board, Germany has been actively involved in shaping this new, promising instrument of the United Nations.

It gives me a distinct pleasure to inform you that Germany continues to be a major supporter of the Funds. The Federal Government decided to provide an additional contribution of 2 Million US-Dollars to the United Nations Democracy Fund, thus raising its overall contribution to more than Five Million US-Dollars. A first payment of 500.000 US-Dollars will be disbursed within the month of September 2007. The remaining amount of 1.5 Million US-Dollar is pledged to be paid in the first quarter of the year 2008.

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As evaluations of projects financed in the first round of UNDEF's show, the Advisory Board managed to successfully allocate its support worldwide. The increasing number of member states contributing to UNDEF also underlines the successful work of UNDEF under the leadership of the Advisory Board. Germany has been actively contributing to the work of the Advisory Board and stands ready to continue to do so.

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

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Matussek

(Thomas Matussek)
Ambassador



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

18 September 2007

Excellency,

I write to warmly thank you for your Government's generous contribution to the United Nations Democracy Fund in the amount of US \$2 million. Like Germany, I believe that democracy building is essential to ensure peace and stability and deeply appreciate your country's leadership in promoting human security and freedom.

As you know, the Fund has now become operational and is supporting an initial portfolio of 125 projects, worth US \$36 million, which aim to strengthen democratic institutions and facilitate democratic governance in 110 countries.

It is heartening to know that we are able to count on your Government's support as we work to further promote democracy throughout the world.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban", is written over the printed name "Ban Ki-moon".
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Thomas Matussek
Permanent Representative
of Germany to the United Nations
New York