



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3 April 2013

Dear Dr. Hamburg,

I would like to thank you for sending me a copy of your recent book, *Give Peace a Chance*, and especially for your kind inscription.

I was struck by the immense breadth and depth of the analysis in the book, and the variety of prisms – the institutional, the political, the historical, the psychological and the moral – that you use to layer your study. As well, I was particularly impressed by the wealth of personal anecdotes, case studies and practical solutions that pepper the book and serve to distil the complex quagmire of mass violence into understandable and conquerable elements. The prominence you give to issues such as health, education and human rights as a means to prevent violence strengthens the study and eloquently makes the case for a truly holistic treatment of the issue.

This book is both a gift to the world and a testament to your profound understanding of the human condition, and I know that the work of the United Nations stands to benefit from it. Thank you again for sharing it with me.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Dr. David A. Hamburg
Washington, D.C.

SG to Dr. David Hamburg
Drafter: Pooja Sapatnekar
Proofread by: RO/ANF/EW

Authorized by: 

Date: 05/04/13