

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 October 2012


Excellency,

I write to express my sincere gratitude for your Government's contribution to the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) for 2012 in the amount of \$4.755 million. Sustained support for UNDEF from the United States of America is particularly important in this crucial and historic time for democratization efforts worldwide, as the Fund embarks on its Sixth Round of Funding.

With continued leadership from you and other Governments, the Fund is able to strengthen the voice of civil society in building democratic institutions, promoting human rights, and ensuring the participation of all groups in democratic processes. In this way, the Fund plays a distinct role in complementing other efforts of the United Nations to strengthen democratic governance around the world.

It is heartening to know that we can count on your Government's continued engagement in this critical endeavour.

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

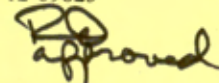

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