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**Note to Ms. Bárcena**

Internal Justice Council

1. The Secretary-General has approved the appointment of the four nominated members of the Internal Justice Council: Ms. Jenny Clift, Ms. Maria Vicien-Milburn, Mr. Geoffrey Robertson, and Mr. Sinha Basnayake. I am writing to them to inform them of the Secretary-General's decision, and to invite them to begin their deliberations on the fifth member, who will chair the Internal Justice Council.

2. The appropriate contractual arrangements will need to be concluded with the two members who are not United Nations staff members. I would therefore be grateful if you could inform the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the financial and administrative measures that will apply to them. Moreover, I would be grateful if you could assist in reaching an appropriate understanding with the relevant programme manager on the terms of the release of the two members who are United Nations staff members.

3. In your note to me of 25 March 2008, you sought my guidance as to which office would provide support to the Internal Justice Council pending the establishment of the Office of Administration of Justice. As an interim measure, a member of my Office will coordinate the necessary support to the Internal Justice Council, working closely with the OHRM focal point mentioned in your note.



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27 March 2008

cc. Mr. Nambiar  
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