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Srebrenica

Note to Mr. Nambiar

Srebrenica

Please find attached the record of your meeting yesterday with Messrs. Michel, Guehenno, and Mulet concerning their idea of providing anonymous support to the victims and families of the massacre at Srebrenica.

As agreed during the meeting, we would appreciate your bringing this matter to the attention of the Secretary-General with a view to seeking his consideration for supporting this initiative.



Nicholas Haysom
25 July 2008

cc: Mr. Guehenno
Mr. Michel
Mr. Pascoe
Mr. Kim

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Note for the File

Chef de Cabinet's meeting with DPA and OLA Principals on Srebrenica 24 July 2008

In follow-up to Mr. Michel/OLA's 23 July note (ref. 28-08653), Mr. Nambiar met with Mr. Michel and Messrs. Guehenno and Mulet of DPKO to discuss their joint recommendation for the UN to provide assistance, behind the scenes and anonymously, to the survivors and families of the victims of the massacre at Srebrenica.

In presenting this recommendation, Mr. Michel stressed that, separately from the issues of its legal liability and immunity, it would be important for the UN to demonstrate compassion which he felt had been lacking in its handling of Srebrenica so far. Upon consultations among OLA, DPA, and DPKO, financial contributions of US\$3 million, spread over a three-year period, to the International Commission for Missing Persons (ICMP) was identified, through an assessment on the ground by DPKO staff, as the best option. The ICMP is an international body which uses pioneered techniques to identify the mortal remains of victims. Mr. Guehenno expressed his support for this idea, while emphasizing the important distinction between this initiative, as a moral imperative and demonstration of compassion, and the issue of legal responsibility.

With all three Departments in agreement on the suitability of the ICMP project, the next step required is the identification of the funds. In this regard, Mr. Michel had liaised with Mr. Sachs, the Controller, who had suggested several possible trust funds that could be tapped into, including the DPA-managed Trust Fund for Preventive Diplomacy and Peacemaking which has the current balance of USD21 million (a copy of its financial table provided and attached).

Mr. Michel stressed that it was most important now to secure the political will, at the highest level, for this initiative. Mr. Nambier agreed, adding that this would enable and facilitate the swift identification of appropriate funding sources. Mr. Nambiar mentioned that he had been informed by Mr. Pascoe that the use of the DPA trust fund might pose difficulty. Given that, Mr. Nambier suggested that considerations be given also to alternative arrangements, such as creating an autonomous trust fund for this purpose, including but not limited to Srebrenica, and identifying other trust funds, e.g., those within EOSG.

Mr. Nambiar cautioned that any perception that this initiative is due to the UN's "guilty conscience" must be avoided. Mr. Guehenno agreed, pointing out that, also for this reason, it would be inappropriate to be seen fund-raising specifically for this initiative and that the necessary funding, therefore, would need to come from existing sources.

Mr. Nambiar agreed to bring this matter to the Secretary-General's attention to seek his political support for this initiative.


Kayo Gotoh
25 July 2008

**Trust Fund in Support of Special Missions and other Activities
Related to Preventive Diplomacy and Peacemaking**

Statement of income and expenditure and changes in reserves and fund balances
for the twelve months of the biennium 2008 - 2009 ending 30 June 2008
(United States dollars)

	2008	2006
Income		
Voluntary contributions	2,780,672	465,515
Interest income	502,335	386,310
Other/miscellaneous income	17,337	-
Prior period revenues posted in this biennium - control account	(938,551)	-
Total income	2,361,793	851,825
Expenditure		
Staff and other personnel costs	1,012,238	191,450
Travel	851,267	61,326
Contractual services	585,005	-
Operating expenses	186,998	10,496
Acquisitions	74,800	43,782
Other	225,800	200,000
Total direct expenditure	2,936,108	507,054
Programme support costs (United Nations)	344,645	65,917
Total expenditure	3,280,753	572,971
Net excess(shortfall) of income over expenditure	(918,960)	278,854
Transfers (to) from other funds	6,752	-
Refunds to donors	-	(132,141)
Reserves and fund balances, beginning of period	21,758,958	15,724,694
Reserves and fund balances, end of period	20,846,750	15,871,407

Statement of assets, liabilities and reserves and fund balances
as at 30 June 2008

Assets		
Cash pool	22,152,979	16,416,542
Voluntary contributions receivable	97,029	-
Inter-fund balances receivable	249,983	-
Other accounts receivable	186,792	2,800
Other assets	-	(900)
Deferred expenditures	-	3,916
Total assets	22,686,783	16,422,358
Liabilities		
Unliquidated obligations	1,773,819	504,937
Inter-fund balances payable	-	44,222
Other accounts payable	66,212	1,793
Total liabilities	1,840,031	550,952
Reserves and fund balances		
Cumulative surplus (deficit)	20,846,750	15,871,407
Total reserves and fund balances	20,846,750	15,871,407
Total liabilities and reserves and fund balances	22,686,781	16,422,359

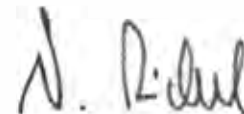
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

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1. This Note relates to the issue on which Mr. Guéhenno and I have asked to meet with you on 24 July 2008. As you may recall, OLA, DPKO, DPA and OPPBA have been meeting over the last twelve months to try to identify possible means by which the United Nations might be able to assist, as a moral imperative, behind the scenes and anonymously, the survivors and families of the victims of the massacre at Srebrenica.
2. In light of the recommendations prepared by members of DPKO who visited Srebrenica last year to identify a meaningful way that the United Nations may be able to provide support to victims and family members of victims, Mr. Guéhenno and I consider that a useful measure to assist the survivors and families of the victims of Srebrenica would be to provide financial support to the *International Commission for Missing Persons* (ICMP). The ICMP is an international body which uses pioneered techniques to identify the mortal remains of victims by matching DNA samples from victims with those of living family members. Support to the ICMP would enable it to continue its important work of identifying the remains of missing persons, which service is valued by the families of victims, and which provides a useful tool for reconstructing the events of Srebrenica.
3. It would be of great assistance if the United Nations could make a total contribution of three million dollars to the ICMP, - of one million dollars per year for three years. To date, however, this project has not been undertaken, because of the difficulty in identifying available funds.



Nicolas Michel
23 July 2008

cc. Mr. Guéhenno
Mr. Pascoe