



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 August 2007

Dear Mr. Roche,

Referring to your letter of 11 July 2007, please accept my thanks for your kind words of appreciation related to my proposal to establish the Office for Disarmament Affairs, and the recent appointment of Mr. Sergio Duarte as High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.


As you know, revitalizing the disarmament and non-proliferation agenda has been one of my priorities since I took office. Progress in this area depends heavily upon a foundation of cooperation with Member States, as well as with individuals and groups in the community at large.

Your personal and institutional valuable support for me and the Office for Disarmament Affairs remains crucial to the collective endeavour of the United Nations and its Member States, as well as for civil society to advance the disarmament and non-proliferation agenda.

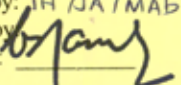
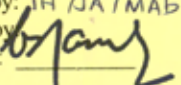
I am confident that Mr. Duarte will add his energy and skills to mobilize the political will needed to overcome the current stalemate and re-energize action on both disarmament and non-proliferation. Under his able guidance, the cooperative relationship prevailing between the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Middle Powers Initiative and Global Security Institute will be further reinforced in the coming period.

A similar letter has been sent to Mr. Jonathan Granoff.

Yours sincerely,


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