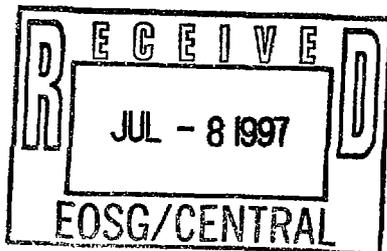




THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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27 June 1997

Dear Mr. Donohue,

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as the new President of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Your outreach and presence in every American city represents an important range of interests and influence that includes businesses of every type that affects all aspects of American life.

Since my election as Secretary-General in January, I have made a particular effort to meet business leaders in an effort to bridge the interests of private enterprise and trade and investment with the interests of the United Nations in maintaining peace and security, fostering economic and social development and promoting human rights. There are many areas where these interests converge and where mutual goals can be achieved by working in common.

The International Chamber of Commerce has been in regular contact with us and has offered some thoughts on public-private partnerships between the United Nations and the business community. I have also addressed a wide range of international corporate leaders at the World Economic Forum in Davos and the European-American Chamber of Commerce among other business groups. In addition, the United Nations has had traditionally strong ties to Rotary International, Kiwanis and the Lions organizations among the many that share our goals and objectives.

Mr. Thomas J. Donohue  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
American Trucking Associations, Inc.  
Alexandria

With these areas of mutual interest that I believe we share, I would like to ask Mrs. Gillian Sorensen, the Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations in my office, to explore possible forms of collaboration with you.

Allow me once again, to extend my best wishes to you on your appointment and wish you success in your new endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan