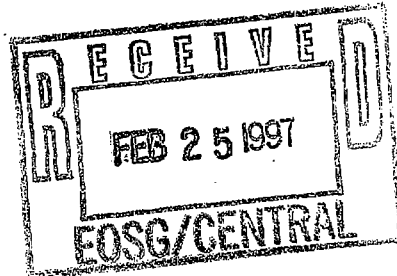


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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



30 January 1997

Excellency,

I should like to thank you most sincerely for your kind message on my appointment as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I very much appreciated the good wishes you addressed to me on this occasion. Such expressions of support by Member States are indeed a source of great encouragement as I take up the challenging responsibilities entrusted to me by the international community. I look forward to close cooperation with your Government in the strengthening of peace and the promotion of understanding throughout the world.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Annan".  
Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Senator Rino Serri  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Italy  
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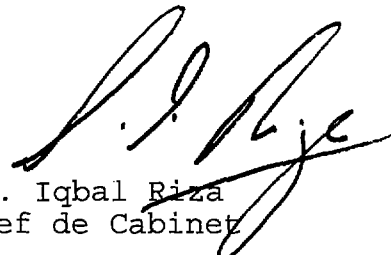
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Senator Rino Serri, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

  
S. Iqbal Riza  
Chef de Cabinet

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