

**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
(through Ms. Malcorra)**

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DPI Weekly Press Review

As the enclosed press review shows, the crisis in Syria was this week dominated by reports on the fighting in Aleppo, the resignation of Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan and then the General Assembly's resolution on Friday.

While the implications of Mr. Annan's resignation are still being digested by commentators and analysts, his departure is likely to lead to continued media focus on what both you and the United Nations as a whole can or should do to resolve the crisis, including in the lead-up to the 19 August UNSMIS mandate deadline.

Commentary so far has continued largely to blame the divisions among Security Council members and, to a lesser extent, the diplomatic approach of Mr. Annan for the failure to end the fighting.

Your strong remarks today to the Assembly on the need to uphold the principle of responsibility to protect and the fact that the world had been warned in advance about what could happen in Syria were widely reported. Your remarks demonstrate the value of the UN using clear and moral language that focuses on people and their human rights.

The review's second segment looks at coverage of your announcement of the membership of the high-level panel to advise on global development post-2015.

The announcement was broadly reported. However, the dearth of commentary or analysis indicates the need for the United Nations to follow up on this issue with sustained media outreach both in general news media outlets and serious policy publications, especially in those countries which have members on the panel.

Thank you.

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