



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

26 November 2001

Excellency,

I would like to thank you most warmly for your kind words on the award of the 100<sup>th</sup> Nobel Peace Prize.

It is a wonderful moment for the dedicated staff of the Organization, and for me personally, but also a very humbling one, since even more will now be expected of us. The Prize equally honours the Member States of the United Nations, who created, sustained, and in recent years breathed new life into the Organization. Above all, the Prize is a tribute to our colleagues who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of humanity.

As we face both increased challenges and new opportunities in this time of global uncertainty, the award of the Prize is a further encouragement towards international cooperation, whether working collectively to end the global scourges of terrorism and HIV/AIDS, or in building a more just and peaceful world through the implementation of the goals set by the Millennium Summit Declaration.

I am enormously grateful for your country's valuable contribution to the work of the United Nations in the past, and I look forward to our continued cooperation in the future.

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

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Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Mr. David Sitai  
Caretaker Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Relations  
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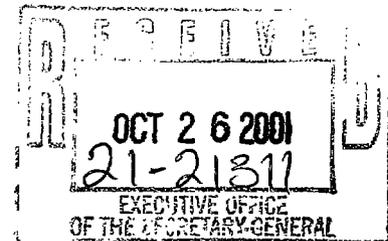
**MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE RELATIONS**

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H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
United Nations  
New York



Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of Solomon Islands and on my own behalf I wish to warmly congratulate your Excellency and the United Nations upon being bestowed with the distinguished honour of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2001.

Like the organizers of the distinguished Nobel Peace Prize my Government, people and I also fully acknowledge and recognize the leading role your goodself and the United Nations continue to play in maintaining international peace and security and in promoting equitable development, justice and respect for human rights. It is an award well deserved.

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

Yours sincerely,

**DAVID SITAI  
CARETAKER MINISTER**

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