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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 December 2008

Excellency,

I write to thank you for your letter of 19 December 2008 and for sending a special copy of the message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, on the occasion of the World Day of Peace.

Allow me also to take this opportunity to convey my deep appreciation for all your support and cooperation, which have greatly helped my efforts this year. I look forward to the next with hopes of collaborating with you on finding sustainable solutions to the many challenges facing the United Nations family.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

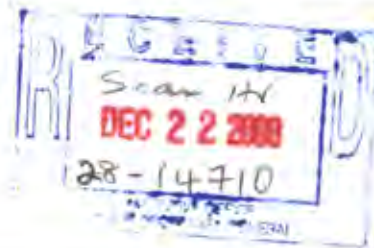
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19 December 2008

Mister Secretary-General,

It is my honour to send you a special copy of the Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for the celebration of the World Day of Peace, on 1 January 2009, bearing His Holiness' autograph.

The theme for this year's Message is Fighting Poverty to Build Peace. As poverty is one of the challenges that the United Nations is addressing, it is my sincere wish that this message may offer added stimulus to eradicate poverty.

While wishing you and your family every blessing for the holidays and the New Year, I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

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