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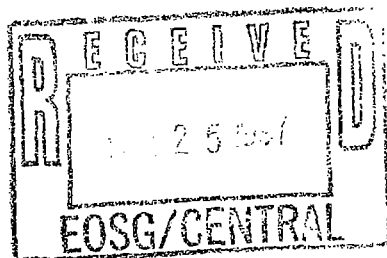
11 March 1997

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of congratulations on my election to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I very much appreciated your good wishes, and especially the importance you attach to human rights, peace, economic and social development, and the need to ensure democracy, transparency and the representation of all States in this Organization. I look forward to working with your Government in the promotion of these issues.

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



- Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. Luciano Violante
President of the Chamber of Deputies
Italian Parliament
Rome