



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Launsky-Tieffenthal,

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of your mother. Please accept my sincere condolences.

I understand that your mother played a decisive role in planting the seed of international service at a young age. I have no doubt that it was a great joy for her to witness your many successes over the years. I understand that she was particularly proud of your new assignment and closely following the work of the United Nations.

At this painful time, I extend my sympathies to you, your father and sister and the rest of your family.

I sincerely hope that many warm memories will serve as a source of comfort during these difficult days.

With warmest regards,

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