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**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**Questions for your interview with Deutsche Welle**

Please find attached the proposed questions for your interview with Deutsche Welle, scheduled for Monday, 5 March 2007 at 5 p.m. in UNTV Studio H.

Should you require any further guidance, please let me know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Montas".

Michele Montas

2 March 2007

cc: Vijay Nambiar, Kim Won-soo, Yoon Yeocheol



1. What are your experiences after having been in office for little more than two months?
2. The planned UN Reforms your predecessor wanted to put in place have either been stalled or not implemented. This means you took on a heavy burden. How are you going to cope?
3. What are your top priorities within this agenda: enlargement of the UN Security Council and incorporating new members?
4. Japan, India, Brazil and Germany have been contenders for an enlarged Security Council. What are their chances of becoming permanent members?
5. Another major priority in the past: the Millennium goals, i.e. fighting poverty and changing the course of Africa? How are you going to address these issues?
6. Many of the Western nations seem to fall short of meeting their aid pledges and some of them are even reducing their development aid programs. Is that of concern to you?
7. How important is climate change on the United Nations' agenda?
8. The United Nations has over 100,000 soldiers under its peace-keeping command. Is that – and the financial burden coming with it – overstressing the capabilities of the organization?
9. President Bush has not been a great admirer and supporter of the United Nations. To the contrary, most of the time he pursued a foreign policy attitude of "I can do it all alone!" But in the last couple of months, he often referred to the United Nations as a very helpful organization with which he wants to work and deal. Do you have any explanation for his change of mind?
10. Let's talk about some of the current crises hot spots around the globe – I'll start with Afghanistan. Many say the situation there is worsening rather than improving. The United Nations has a big stake in Afghanistan – so what is your assessment: Will Afghanistan's young democracy prevail and can stability be achieved?
11. Iraq, the next crisis spot – the only stabilizing power at the moment seem to be the American and coalition forces. Do you fear, as President Bush does, chaos in Iraq should the U.S. pull out?

12. The Middle East as a whole: You just returned from the Quartet meeting in Berlin which ended without tangible results. What should be the next steps to revitalize the “road map” process and to bring Israel and the Palestinian authorities closer together?
13. What is the United Nation’s position on the Quartet’s demand to have Hamas and the unity government – in other words the Palestinian authorities – unequivocally accept Israel’s right of existence?
14. And what about neighbouring Iran-will tougher UN-sanctions do the trick and bring back Iran to the negotiating table?
15. Let’s look into the future for a moment: What are your personal political goals for the short and medium term future? What are your priorities?