



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 November 2001

Excellency,

I would like to thank you most warmly for your kind words on the award of the 100th 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 the valuable contribution that you and your Permanent Mission staff make to the United Nations. I look forward to our continued cooperation in the future.

With my warm personal regards,

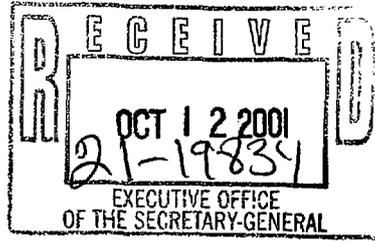
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. Murari Raj Sharma
Permanent Representative
of the Kingdom of Nepal
to the United Nations
New York

Permanent Mission of Nepal



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October 12, 2001

Excellency,

I have the honor to extend, on behalf of His Majesty's Government and people of Nepal as well as on my own, our warmest congratulations to you at the well-deserved nomination of yourself and of the United Nations as recipients of the coveted Nobel Peace Prize this year.

We view this prize as the most fitting recognition of your tireless, bold and innovative contributions to promoting peace, development, justice and human rights around the world, and the United Nations' ability to rise up to the challenges of the contemporary world under your able leadership. It is a matter of pride and honor for all members of the United Nations and for the peoples of the world whom our Organization is committed to serve.

Although recognition comes with obligation, Nepal is fully convinced that this momentous achievement will energize all of us to work with you to fulfill the noble mission of the United Nations.

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

Murari Raj Sharma

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