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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letters to His Excellency Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Republic of Portugal, and His Excellency Mr. António Monteiro, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Portugal.

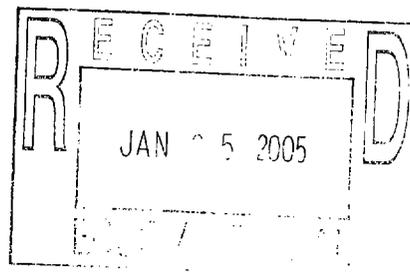
Copies of these letters are attached for your information.

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

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Elisabeth Lindenmayer  
Deputy Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Gonçalo Aires de Santa Clara Gomes  
Permanent Representative of Portugal  
to the United Nations  
New York





THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 January 2005

Excellency, *and dear Antonio,*

I write to thank you for your recent message of support and to assure you that at this challenging time for the United Nations, I remain fully committed to my duties and to the work of the Organization. As you know, we have a full agenda for the year ahead, which includes crucial discussions among Member States on some of the most acute and complex threats of our time, and on ways to make the United Nations better equipped to meet them.

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I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the new year.

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*With warmest personal regards*

  
Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Mr. António Monteiro  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of  
the Republic of Portugal  
Lisbon

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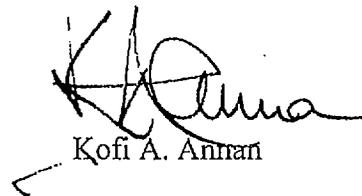
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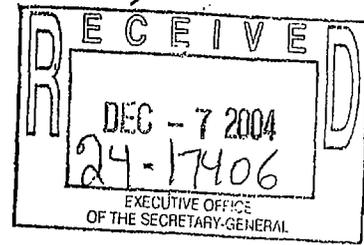
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His Excellency  
Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio  
President of the Republic of Portugal  
Lisbon

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**o MINISTRO**



His Excellency  
Mr. Kofi A. Annan  
Secretary General of the United Nations

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*cc MIM* ✓

Lisbon, December 7th 2004

*Dear Kofi,*

Fully aware of the challenging moment that the United Nations is facing given the negative media reports on the role of the UN and the Secretariat General, I would like to express to you my personal appreciation and the full confidence of my Government in your leadership. I would like to assure our commitment to continue and, where possible, further enhance Portugal's active support and involvement in the UN activities during the important months ahead leading up to the 2005 Summit.

It is my conviction that the UN will press ahead with an open, inclusive and thorough investigation of the allegations concerning the "Oil for Food Programme" and in this context the Volcker report will be an important document. In fact I already had the opportunity to meet Paul Volcker and discuss this issue.

I had the opportunity to raise with the EU Presidency the possibility of inviting you to attend the next European Council but Minister Bernard Bot informed me that this would not be viable due to your prior engagements.

I take this occasion to thank you for conveying the report of the High level Panel and I would like to commend you for having the initiative to launch this relevant report.

Looking forward to work closely with you and tackle the important agenda that lies ahead, I would like to renew the ties of our solid partnership and commitment to pursue a joint collaboration on matters concerning the United Nations.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Our best regards to Wane*  
*Yours ever,*

*António Monteiro*  
António Monteiro  
Minister of Foreign Affairs