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Excellency,

I am grateful that you so readily agreed to meet with me and my colleague members of the Permanent Memorial Committee yesterday, to discuss developments related to the Permanent Memorial to the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

We considered the meeting to be quite fruitful and are pleased that the interaction you personally facilitated with the Department of Management will enable the retention of essential elements of the design of the Ark of Return, viz, water and lighting. In addition, we look forward to the provision of requisite rights of access to the Memorial site on the UN plaza for Mr. Rodney Leon and his team, which is a critical factor in enabling him to meet the scheduled completion date for the formal hand-over of the project.

We continue to be encouraged, Secretary General, by your consistent personal support and commitment to the project, as evidenced by your kind offer to encourage Member States and other partners to make contributions to the Trust Fund. At this juncture, we still require a further \$250,000 to meet our requirements. As such, I very much appreciate your willingness to explore possibilities, in accordance with the UN Charter provisions, to bridge the relatively modest but nonetheless important financial gap that remains. We are confident that any effort on your part to solicit support from the private donor community will not only complement our ongoing outreach to Member States, but also provide the final impetus to ensure completion of the project.

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