



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Professor Ghodse,

I write on taking office as Secretary-General to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

As you know, I assume my duties at a time of daunting challenges in world affairs -- from the range of crises troubling our world to the need to defend human rights and move forward in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Yet I also know that the demands placed on the United Nations demonstrate that our Organization is very much alive, that it is on the front line in addressing crises and giving hope to people around the world, and that it is a force to be reckoned with, among Governments and people everywhere.

I am determined to do all in my power to ensure that our United Nations can live up to those high expectations, and carry out effectively the ever more global role which Member States have entrusted to it. By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations -- security, development and human rights, all underpinned by the rule of law -- we can build a more peaceful, more prosperous and more just world for succeeding generations. In that effort, I will seek to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder, and do all I can to restore trust in the Organization.

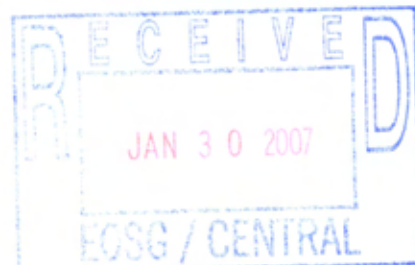
I am reassured to know that in that endeavour, I will have your support.

Yours sincerely,

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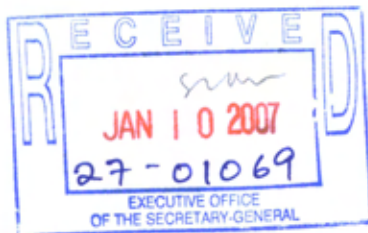




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Dear Secretary General,

On behalf of my colleagues in the International Narcotic Control Board (INCB), I have the honour to congratulate you on taking up your functions as Secretary General of the United Nations.

I am pleased that the governments on behalf of the world community have chosen a person who possesses the knowledge and skills as well as the personal qualities required to lead this important organisation. I am confident that your leadership and your support will enable the Board to meet the challenges to the International drugs control and fulfilment of its responsibilities.

I wish you sir every success during your term of office and a very Happy New Year.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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