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26 March 2007

Dear Mr. Pace,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your 13 March letter in which you conveyed your ideas on the future of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General.

We are very grateful for your support for the work of the United Nations in this area, as well as for your recognition of the need to ensure appropriate representation for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York. As for your specific concerns, you can rest assured that all options are being looked at extremely carefully as we see how best these twin goals can be met.

Yours sincerely,


Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. William R. Pace
Executive Director
Institute for Global Policy
New York




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Note to Mr. Nambiar

Letter from NGO regarding the mandate
of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

Please find attached a letter from the Executive Director of the Institute for Global Policy regarding the mandate of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. At Mr. Kim's request, the letter was shared earlier with OHCHR. In this connection, please find attached a draft reply drafted by OHCHR for your consideration, which has been cleared by Ms. Arbour.


Lara Khalifé
26 March 2007

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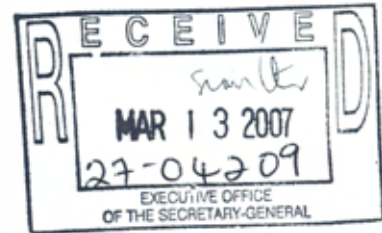


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13 March 2007

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary-General
United Nations, Room S-3800
New York, NY 10017

Mr. Kim, ^{send to} OHCHR
This letter only
confirms that
further reflection
is needed on
the review of
the Helderz mandate.
You may wish to
share w/ SG for his
information thank u.



Re: Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG)

Mr. Secretary-General;

We are writing to you again about our support for the renewal and strengthening of the office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG). We are writing to express our appreciation for your endorsement of this important position, but also to raise concerns about reported proposals you are considering relating to the SAPG.

Mr. Secretary-General, we understand that serious consideration is being given to the following proposals: expanding the mandate of the SAPG; changing the title of the SAPG to the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect; and combining the position of SAPG with a head of office at UNHQ for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

We welcome and fully support your commitment to strengthening the mandate of the SAPG and to advancing the principles and norm of the Responsibility to Protect. Additionally, we fully support and recognize the need for a high-level representative of the OHCHR at UNHQ in New York. We understand from consultations with governments, UN officials, and NGO colleagues, however, that there are serious concerns regarding how the proposed new position will achieve the advancement of these important goals.

Mr. Secretary-General, in our letter to you of 13 February 2007 (attached hereto) we expressed our strong ^(#27-03902) reservations about proposals to combine the position of SAPG with other special adviser or high positions at the UN. We also question whether combining the position will realize your stated commitments to strengthening the office and elevating the position to full-time status.

Following are key considerations we hope that you, your office, and the High Commissioner for Human Rights will address in proceeding with the common goal of renewing and strengthening the position of the SAPG.

Above all is our strong appeal to you to consult with key governments and other experts in the process of finalizing your decision.

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In particular:

- Will locating the office of the SAPG or Special Adviser for the Responsibility to Protect (SA-R2P) within one UN department impact efforts to mainstream this agenda within other UN departments?
- Would such a change ensure that the SAPG maintains access to your office and, through your office, the Security Council?
- There are concerns about the title of the Special Adviser to Prevent *Genocide*; nevertheless, the R2P norm continues to be very controversial. Could a decision to create a SA-R2P ignite debates in the UNGA and Security Council that could undermine R2P instead of strengthening support for the new norm?
- Will combining the positions of SA-R2P (or SAPG) with a position of deputy to the HCHR advance these agendas or potentially weaken them?

Mr. Secretary-General, we would hope that prior to concluding your decision on these proposals you would have the opportunity to engage in further consultations with:

1. Key member states that have been the active supporters of the OHCHR, the SAPG and/or the Responsibility to Protect;
2. The UN General Assembly and the Security Council, as appropriate;
3. The Advisory Committee to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, which has carefully studied the challenges and opportunities of the Office of the SAPG. We again urge you to consider releasing, as appropriate, all or part of the Advisory Committee's report;
4. International civil society organisations actively engaged with advancing these agendas.

Mr. Secretary-General, we wish to reaffirm our strong support for you and for the High Commissioner. NGOs strongly support establishing a high-level representative for OHCHR in NY; our concerns are about the effects of combining positions. Governments and NGOs have expressed interest in the proposal to expand the work of the Special Adviser to include R2P, but have many questions. We recognize that many of these questions may have been fully considered during the development of this proposal. We believe, however, that taking more time to consult with governments and others will strengthen both the acceptance of and support for the final recommendation.

Few issues are more sensitive or important as preventing and stopping genocides and other crimes against humanity; a solemn founding purpose of the United Nations. We are committed to supporting you in making crucial progress in addressing this challenge.

Sincerely,



William R. Pace
Executive Director
Institute for Global Policy

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13 February 2007

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Mr. Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary-General
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TRANSMISSION NOTE:

Mr. Secretary-General:

Please find attached a joint NGO letter outlining our support for the continuation and strengthening of the post of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG). This letter resulted from recent NGO meeting convened in New York, Geneva and London.

This letter, which was originally transmitted to you on 21 December 2006, was signed by 18 NGOs. Over the course of the last weeks, support for the letter has grown to include 40 signatories representing international, regional and national civil society organizations.

In addition to the attached letter, we would like to emphasize the following points which have subsequently been raised in consultations with many of the signatories:

- We are gratified to receive reports that you are committed to the renewal of the SAPG position and we have been told that you favor upgrading the post to full-time stature. These were two of the important recommendations made by the Advisory Committee to the Secretary-General on Prevention of Genocide in a report transmitted to you at the end of last year.
- We are also aware that you might be considering combining the mandate of the SAPG with the mandate of another office. Whether one seeks to combine the SAPG post with another human rights position, or with the mandate of another Special Representative, all civil society groups who have been consulted strongly oppose this merging of posts. The concern of the NGOs was that both mandates would be weakened not strengthened.

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- Additionally, all groups consulted encourage you to establish a policy of greater transparency and consultation in the process of making this and other high-level appointments; including publicizing qualifications, short-lists of candidates and a time frame within which interested governments or NGOs could provide comments. This is one of the important improvements made under the previous administration which should be continued.
- Finally, we encourage you to consider **making** public the report and recommendations of the Advisory **Committee**. Most United Nations high-level panel findings are generally made public, in all or part. We realize and support that a Secretary-General does not agree with all recommendations but we strongly believe that wider discussion of the Advisory Committee report and recommendations could strengthen the role of the SAPG.

Sincerely



William R. Pace
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Mark Lattimer
Executive Director
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21 December 2006

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the U.N.
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**Joint Letter on the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
on the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG)**

Mr. Secretary-General:

We are writing to you to encourage you to renew and strengthen the mandate of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (SAPG). The continued collective failure of the international community to prevent incidence of massive crimes against humanity and genocide, compel us to recommend the continuance of this vital initiative to prevent genocide.

As you are aware, the SAPG was officially appointed by the Secretary-General, in a letter dated 12 July 2004, addressed to the president of the Security Council.

Additionally, at the 2005 World Summit, heads of state and government expressed their **commitment** to the prevention of genocide by endorsing the mission of the SAPG. In paragraph 140, under the heading **Responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity**, member states declared that they "fully support the mission of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide."

You will be aware that the Secretary-General appointed an Advisory Committee on the prevention of genocide earlier this year. The Advisory Committee prepared and submitted a report with recommendations to the Secretary-General in early November. It is our understanding that this report, which was circulated internally, has received comments from the Department of Political Affairs and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. We also know that the Advisory Committee, making a number of important recommendations, which at this point are not public, has strongly endorsed the continuation of the Office of the SAPG.

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Mr. Secretary-General,

If the United Nations under your leadership is to finally be able to prevent genocides, major reforms and initiatives are required. The challenging task of moving this agenda forward is now in your hands. The following NGOs hope that one of your earliest acts will be the renewal of the mandate of the Office of the SAPG. We urge you to consider the wide range of recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on improving and strengthening this Office.

Sincerely,

Deva Kaur Khalsa, *Representative to the United Nations, 3HO Foundation*

Dr James Smith, *Chief Executive Officer, Aegis Trust*

Eric Joyce MP, *Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on the Great Lakes Region of Africa*

Ruth Messinger, *President, American Jewish World Service*

Yvonne Terlingen, *AI Representative at the United Nations, Amnesty International*

Aidan McQuade, *Director, Anti-Slavery International*

Bani Dugal, *Principle Representative, Baha'i International Community*

Sheri Rosenberg, *Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law*

Andrea Bartoli, *Director, Center for International Conflict Resolution – Columbia University*

Don Kraus, *Executive Vice President, Citizens for Global Solutions*

Kumi Naidoo, *Secretary General, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation*

Abdelbagi Jibril, *Executive Director, Darfur Relief and Documentation Centre (DRDC)*

Rene Wadlow, *Representative to the United Nations, Geneva Association for World Education & Association of World Citizens*

Mark Hanis, *Executive Director, Genocide Intervention Network*

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Kevin Clements, *Chair, Global Action to Prevent War*

John Packer, *Coordinator, Initiative on Conflict Prevention through Quiet Diplomacy, Human Rights Internet (HRI)*

Maureen Byrnes, *Executive Director, Human Rights First*

Kenneth Roth, *Executive Director, Human Rights Watch*

Mary-Ann Alho, *National Coordinator, Human Trafficking Advocacy Initiative SA*

Paul van Zyl, *Executive Vice-President, The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)*

Simia Ahmadi, *Permanent Delegate to the United Nations, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (FIDH)*

Nicholas Howen, *Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)*

Brigitte Polonovski, *Permanent Representative to the United Nations, International Council of Women (ICW-CIF)*

Donald Steinberg, *Vice President for Multilateral Affairs, International Crisis Group*

Roswitha Ginglas-Poulet, *International Inner Wheel*

Atsuko Tanaka-Fox, *Representative to the United Nations Geneva, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)*

Chris Sidoti, *Director, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)*

Vivian Stromberg, *Executive Director, MADRE*

Mark Lattimer, *Executive Director, Minority Rights Group International (MRG)*

Poppy Sebag-Montefiore, *Chair, Never Again International*

Mamadou Ndiaye, *General Director, L'Office Africain pour le Développement et la Coopération (OFADEC)*

James A. Goldston, *Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative*

Nicola Reindorp, *Head of the New York Office, OXFAM International*

Trevor Griffiths, *Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Pax Christi International*

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Robert Callard, *UN Representative, Quaker United Nations Office*

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David Rubenstein, *Executive Director, Save Darfur Coalition*

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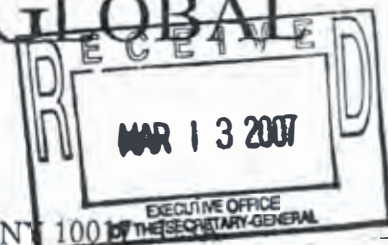
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- (1) A letter expressing our appreciation for your endorsement of this important position, but also to **raise concerns** about reported proposals you are considering relating to the renewal and strengthening of the office of the SAPG
- (2) Our letter of 13 February for reference

Respectfully,

William R. Pace
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Thank you.

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