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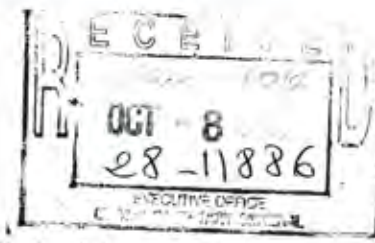
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Note to the Secretary-General

Re: Final report of the 29th session of the SMCC

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Goethel, President of the SMCC, transmitting the report of the 29th session of the SMCC for your approval.

DM has reviewed and cleared the report. The proposed actions reflect consensus reached in the meetings between management and staff.

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the pleasure to transmit to you the Report of the 29th session of the Staff-Management Coordination Committee (SMCC) for your consideration and approval.

As you know, the meeting took place in New York from 23 to 30 June 2008. I am pleased to inform you that staff and management representatives negotiated in good faith and were able to reach consensus on issues discussed, which is reflected in this Report. One of the major outcomes of this session was that the Committee approved a draft SGB on a new staff-management mechanism, which would eventually replace the current SMCC, if endorsed by all parties. It was also agreed that further consultation would be necessary with member unions who were not present at the session prior to submission to you.

Please note that the transmission of this report has been delayed due to the fact that in a letter dated 6 August 2008 (on which you were copied), the President of the United Nations Staff Union (New York) stated that with regard to paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Report, it was a "misrepresentation that the United Nations Staff Union was involved in discussing any item at the 29th SMCC meeting". As a result, I circulated a proposal to the SMCC to modify the subject paragraphs of the report to address the concerns of the UNSU (New York). The SMCC overwhelmingly insisted that the Report be submitted to you as adopted in June 2008.

Accordingly, please find attached the final Report of the 29th session of the SMCC for your approval. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to you again for your opening remarks at the session, which clearly demonstrated your commitment to strengthening staff-management relations and having a meaningful dialogue. Your remarks had a direct impact on the positive outcome of the session.

With best regards,



Dieter Goethel
SMCC President

Cc: The Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Nambiar
Mr. Kim
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Ms. Pollard

Approved.
Asha Jaiswal
10/13/08



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XXIXth SESSION OF THE STAFF-MANAGEMENT COORDINATION COMMITTEE

**New York
23 to 30 June 2008**