



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

G-7 Summit
Japan

6 June 1997

Excellency,

The world looks to the Denver Summit with great hopes and high expectations. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations it is my duty, and my pleasure, to submit a number of points for the consideration of the Heads of State and Government participating in the Summit.

Of the many challenges that the community of nations -- rich and poor, developed and developing -- must face as we enter the closing years of this century, three issues related to the United Nations' agenda stand out as particularly important:

- Globalization, Development Cooperation and the Special Needs in Africa;
- Meeting environmental challenges; and
- Strengthening the United Nations.

The attached aide-memoire briefly elaborates and offers suggestions for each of these issues.

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

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Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency
Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo

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REFERENCE:

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency, Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto, Prime Minister of Japan.

A copy of the letter is attached, for your information.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Iqbal Riza', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S. Iqbal Riza
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Hisashi Owada
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