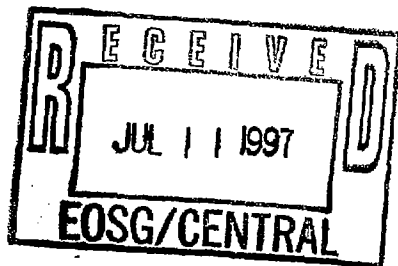




THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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My dear Mayor,

I should like to express again my deep sympathy for the tragedy which struck the city of Torino last Saturday. The destruction of the Duomo is a great loss for the city of Torino, for Italy, and for the whole world. I am encouraged by the statements which have been made over the past days by the municipal, regional and national authorities, pledging the reconstruction of this artistic jewel.

In this connection, you will recall the request which was put to me by the Deputy Mayor to enlist the assistance of UNESCO in this regard. I am pleased to attach a press statement which has been issued today by UNESCO in Paris. I am gratified that the Director-General has pledged the support and technical expertise of UNESCO to the Government of Italy for the restoration of the Duomo.

I share the Director-General's belief that peoples of all faith will pull together their efforts to reconstruct this great universal symbol. I know that the people of Torino will raise to the occasion and demonstrate their strength and determination in overcoming this tragic event.

With my best wishes for your endeavour,

Yours sincerely, - -

Kofi A. Annan

H. E. Mr. Valentino Castellani
Mayor of Torino
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