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Your Excellency,

On behalf of Secretary-General Kofi Annan, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of 29 January 2002 and other attachments, which were recently referred to this office for reply. The Secretary-General regrets that due to the demands of his official duties, he is unable to respond personally.

Please allow me to express thanks to you for having shared with us your thoughts on peace and your words of praise for the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General, which have all been duly noted and read. The Secretary-General also gives world peace top priority, and he continues in his efforts to resolve the many conflict situations currently in existence around the world. In a recent *Report on the Work of the Organisation*, the Secretary-General stated, "Conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacemaking must not become an area of competition between the United Nations and regional organisations. We work together best when we respect each other's prerogatives and sensitivities."

It is gracious of you to continue in your support of the United Nations. Again, thank you for your interest in the Organization and for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Johnston Britton".

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