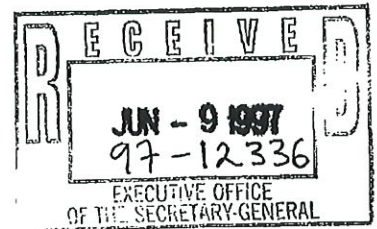


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Note to the Secretary-General

**MAIN OBJECTIVES OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING
OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS
NEW YORK, 10-13 JUNE 1997**

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1. You have agreed to attend a closed meeting of your Advisory Board for one hour on Tuesday, 10 June (3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.). Over the last several years the participation of the Secretary-General led to a free-ranging exchange of views which the members of the Board found very useful.
2. The first part of your participation will be devoted to your prepared statement. As soon as you have spoken, the Chairman (Ambassador Mitsuro Donowaki of Japan) will invite the members to start discussion.
3. In the statement, you will be asking the members for their advice, in the overall framework of the reform process under way, on defining the security threats of the 21st century, the contribution of disarmament and arms limitation to meeting those security threats and possible new roles and tasks for the United Nations in the field.

Defining the United Nations role in meeting the security threats of the 21st century

4. Your objective is to frame the Advisory Board's thinking on this subject within the pragmatic realities of your reform package for the Organization. You will request their advice on new roles for the United Nations and on the machinery to implement them.

Practical disarmament

5. Your objective in respect of the United Nations Register and the Small Arms Study is to emphasize that the reports on both items to be presented to the 52nd Assembly will contain recommendations on further United Nations action.

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6. Your objective in the case of peace-building in Western Africa is to praise the results so far achieved (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combattants in Mali) and to encourage further efforts in the subregion and beyond (e.g., moratorium on transfers of small arms and subregional registers).

7. Your goal with respect to anti-personnel land-mines is to reiterate strongly your support for a total ban on these weapons, without engaging yourself in the debate between the fast-track negotiations of the "Ottawa process" and the slow-track efforts in the Conference on Disarmament.

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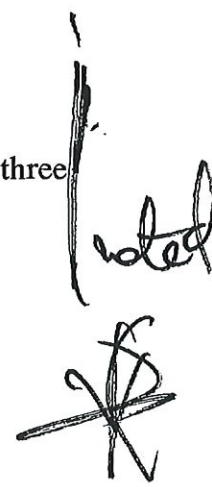
8. This subject should not arise during your hour with the Board. I recall, however, that the Board will provide you during its session with a short list of the three most qualified candidates among the nine who have applied for the position.

9. I attach an annex on the protocol and procedure which will be followed tomorrow.



Kieran Prendergast

9 June 1997



Notes
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Annex

**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS
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1. You are scheduled to meet with the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters for one hour of the afternoon session on Tuesday, 10 June (3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) in Conference Room 8.
2. On entering the conference room, you might wish to greet each member individually, as has been done in the past.
3. Once you are seated, the Chairman, Ambassador Mitsuhiro Donowaki of Japan, will make a few remarks of appreciation for your visit and will then invite you to pose for a group photograph. You will remain seated, while other members of the Board will gather behind the head table.
4. You will then deliver your prepared statement.
5. After you have delivered your statement, the Chairman will thank you for it and make a few remarks. After his remarks, he will invite the members of the Board to begin discussion. To create a dialogue, he will allow several members at a time to speak very briefly and give you an opportunity to respond if you wish to do so. You might wish to speak only at the end of your stay.
6. Just before 4:30 p.m., the Chairman will close the discussion and suspend the meeting to allow you to leave the room.