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Dear Mr. Secretary-General, Dear Jesend

Allow me to thank you once again for your strong and inspiring address to UNHCR's Executive Committee on 6 October 2005. Your statement was highly appreciated by Member States and they expressed strong support for your vision of the future direction of the United Nations.

I would like to follow-up on your encouraging remarks on that occasion in which you welcomed UNHCR's intention to play a proactive role in the future work of the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO). In the majority of post-conflict situations, the return and integration of displaced persons, regardless of whether they are refugees or internally displaced persons, pose particular challenges and may be critical to the success and sustainability of the peace process. Displaced persons are not only of humanitarian concern but also impact upon the political, security, justice, development and governance dimensions of peacebuilding. Therefore, their needs and related solutions should be an integral part of the strategic and operational peacebuilding policies being developed by the UN under your leadership.

In recent years UNHCR has gained considerable expertise in providing protection, assistance and durable solutions to displaced persons. Given the importance I attach to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission, I would like to provide my support by making available to the PBSO a senior staff member with extensive field and planning experience in both the humanitarian and recovery phases. Such a colleague would be at the full disposal of the PBSO in offering sound expertise directly contributing to the peacebuilding work agenda. I will be happy to discuss the administrative modalities at an appropriate time.

For UNHCR, the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission and the PBSO are among the most important outcomes of the Summit. I fully agree on the importance of the PBSO starting its work as soon as possible, drawing on the best possible staff with a wide range of operational expertise.

I look forward to discussing how UNHCR can best lend its support in ensuring the success of the peacebuilding initiatives.

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Yours sincerely,

Antonio Guierres

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Dear Mr. Malloch Brown,

I would appreciate if you could bring to the attention of the Secretary-General the attached letter from the High Commissioner.

Best regards.