

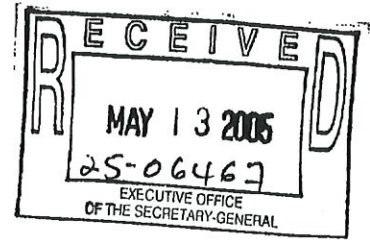
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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

AFRICA: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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On 10 May, 2005, I met Ms. Carol Pineau, the author of the 17 April, Washington Post article entitled 'The Africa You Never See', which chided the media for creating a one-dimensional caricature of a complex continent. You will recall that she argued that in spite of the spread of HIV/AIDS, Darfur and the chaos of Zimbabwe, Africa is also a land of stock markets, high rises, Internet cafes and a growing middle class.

Ms. Pineau expressed her gratitude to you for writing to her and has written to you herself. As you know, Ms. Pineau has produced and directed a documentary on entrepreneurship and private enterprise in Africa, funded by the World Bank. The film, Africa: Open for Business, premiered last month at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is 55 minutes in length and is accompanied by a 6-minute preview. I have borrowed a copy of the film for your viewing.

DPI is also recommending to the President of the GA to consider screening the film for delegates attending the 27-28 June General Assembly High Level Dialogue on Financing and Development. We believe it is not only relevant to the Dialogue, but it would be an inspiration to many of the participants who are leading the battle to ensure that Africa can fully share in the global economy.

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