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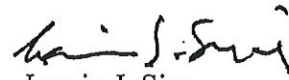
**Note to Mr. Tanaka**

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

1. I refer to your note of 26 May 2006 to the Secretary-General on the subject matter. The Secretary-General agrees with your recommendation to review the membership of the Board with a view to appointing qualified members from the academic and NGO community. The Secretary-General also supports your recommendation to urge the Board to make concrete recommendations when you participate in the Board's upcoming session.

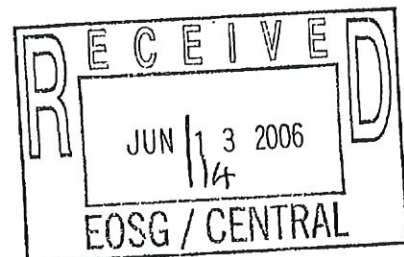
2. Please find attached the original signed letter from the Secretary-General to Professor Ogwu.

Thank you.



Lamin J. Sise  
12 June 2006

cc. Mr. Lopes



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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 June 2006

Dear Professor Ogwu,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 8 May 2006 forwarding your report on the results of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters.

Allow me to express my appreciation for the efforts by the Board, under your guidance, to review and formulate recommendations on the important issues related to reviewing the current situation in the fields of disarmament and non-proliferation, and to preventing dangerous weapon systems from falling into the hands of terrorists.

I have taken note of the recommendations made by the Board that, while continuing persistent and painstaking efforts aimed at breaking the deadlock and building momentum on the priority issues in the fields of disarmament and non-proliferation, new thinking and approaches should be explored. I have also noted the recommendations on preventing dangerous weapons systems from falling into the hands of terrorists, including the need to further develop global norms governing the transfer of conventional arms. The new Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Nobuaki Tanaka, will attend the next session of the Board as my representative. Looking ahead, I hope you will all continue to explore ways to effectively revitalize the disarmament process, which is so crucial to international security.

Professor U. Joy Ogwu, OFR  
Chairperson of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters  
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I am also grateful for the Board's effective oversight of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

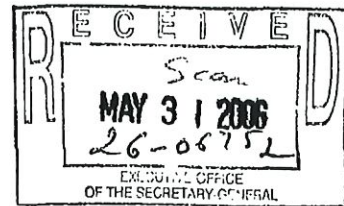
I wish to express my appreciation for your invaluable contribution as Chairperson and wish you continued success for the second session.

Yours sincerely,

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Kofi A. Annan

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Note to the Secretary-General

**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS**

Summary

The Chairperson of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, Professor U. Joy Ogwu of Nigeria, submits herewith a summary of the discussion the Board held at its 46<sup>th</sup> session from 8 to 10 February this year in New York. The Board addressed the following issues: (a) review of the situation in the field of disarmament in the light of the decisions taken at the Summit held on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly; and (b) measures to prevent the proliferation of weapons systems to non-State actors. Several recommendations were put forward on both issues. It is recommended that the membership of the Board be reviewed in order to bring in new members, especially from academic and NGO community with a view to enhancing the Board's effectiveness in formulating concrete recommendations on revitalizing multilateral disarmament. A letter of reply to Professor Ogwu is attached for your signature.

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Report on the work of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Advisory Board

1. The main message derived from the Board's deliberations was that the continuous lack of progress in multilateral disarmament manifests the radical changes taken place in the dynamics of disarmament and arms control since the end of the cold war and there is a need to re-examine the issue of political relationship among counter-proliferation, non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control, and to an extent counter-terrorism. The Board underlined the important role of the United Nations in this regard. It will further examine the above broad topic at its next session in Geneva in June and is expected to make concrete recommendations to you.
2. The Board underlined the need to adopt new thinking aimed at establishing a new international security paradigm. It also stressed the urgent need for the Member States to take specific measures to building/restoring trust and confidence among themselves, which serve as a basis for any disarmament and non-proliferation progress. It called upon the Member States to renew their political will to uphold the rule of law, international norms, and to strengthen multilateralism, democracy and inclusive participatory process in international relations.

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3. Among a number of recommendations on measures to prevent the proliferation of weapons systems to non-State actors, the Board suggested that the United Nations should continue to study the development of international norms governing transfers in conventional arms, including the prohibition of transfer to non-State actors.

**Membership**

4. Recently, two members resigned from the Board due to personal reasons, and another two left upon completion of their tenure. In this connection, several Member States have nominated their candidates to fill those openings. The current membership consists of mostly Ambassadors and other government officials nominated by Member States (see list attached). As a result, the discussion at the Board meetings often repeat the same arguments that have led to stalemate in other disarmament fora, in particular, the Conference on Disarmament and the UN Disarmament Commission. It has also, for the past two years, affected the Advisory Board's ability to agree on concrete and useful recommendations on major issues in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation for your consideration.


**Recommendation**

I therefore recommend that filling the current openings be put on hold and to review the membership of the Board with a view to appointing qualified members from the academic and NGO community, who can bring in fresh views and new perspectives. By doing so, I believe, the Advisory Board will be able to engage in more constructive discussion and provide you with more concrete and useful recommendations on revitalizing multilateral disarmament vis-à-vis the new international political situation.

Agreed

Secondly, when I participate in the discussion next month in Geneva, I will urge the Board to make a few concrete recommendations, derived out of consensus or non-consensus, rather than customary general recommendations like those above. Otherwise, the Advisory Board would end up like a small committee on disarmament so familiar to all of us.

Agreed

  
Nobuaki Tanaka  
26 May 2006



[Drafted by X. Wang]

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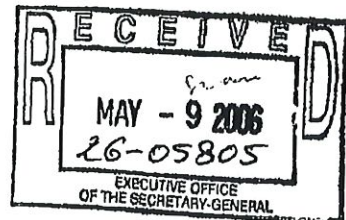
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Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters  
46<sup>th</sup> Session  
New York, 8-10 February 2006



May 8, 2006

Dear Secretary General,

The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters held its first session of the year from 8 to 10 February 2006 in New York. I have the pleasure to convey to you a report on our deliberations, which will be supplemented after the completion of the second session this summer in Geneva.

The Board expressed its grave concern over the continuous lack of progress in multilateral disarmament and its deep disappointment over the failure to reflect issues related to disarmament and non-proliferation in the Outcome Document of the 2005 Summit held during the 60<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly. The Board identified, on a broader level, a number of reasons why political consensus has become so difficult to achieve and the effects of this breakdown in consensus on the lack of progress at the 2005 NPT Review Conference and the Sixtieth General Assembly Session.

The Board made several recommendations towards reinvigorating the multilateral disarmament process, as well as specific measures to prevent dangerous weapons systems from falling into the hands of terrorists.

At its next session in Geneva, the Board will examine the following topics: (1) building an international security system; the way ahead; and (2) consolidating and further developing of international norms on small arms and light weapons.

We value the opportunity of serving on this distinguished advisory body and reaffirm our determination to continue our efforts to reach agreement on concrete recommendations on those important subjects on the global disarmament agenda.

Yours sincerely,

U. Joy Ogwu, OFR  
Chairperson

His Excellency  
Mr. Kofi A. Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York