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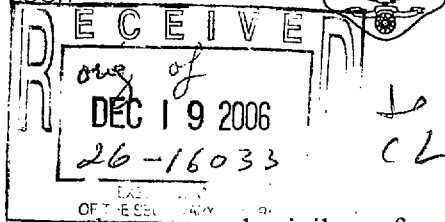
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19 December 2006

Excellency,

It has been an honour, and privilege, for me to have served as your "Advisor on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Operations" for over the past two and half years.

I am now pleased to report that, under your guidance and with your firm support, not only have we diagnosed comprehensively this most serious problem for the organization but, also, we have been able to move decisively toward the eventual elimination of this, and all other forms of, misconduct in UN Peacekeeping Operations. And much of the credit for this goes to Jean-Marie Guéhenno and Jane Holl-Lute of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and to your Legal Counsel, Nicolas Michel; all of whom have been superlative in their approach to this vexing and difficult subject.

Nevertheless, because some of the remedies proposed in the comprehensive strategy I put forward in March 2005, give rise to complex legal thinking, particularly where the Memorandum of Understanding is concerned, but also in relation to both the policy for the assistance of victims, and the draft convention on accountability, much remains to be done – particularly on the part of the member states. It is my sincere hope that all parties: the member states, together with the Secretariat, will be in position to complete the above work by the end of 2007. Indeed, it is my belief the organization can afford no less and, ultimately, we must owe it to the victims of UN exploitation and abuse that we do so expeditiously.

As my service in New York is fast reaching its conclusion, I request that my appointment as your advisor now be brought to a close. It has been an extraordinary experience for me, and I am very thankful to you for having entrusted me with this special responsibility.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
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Cc: The Secretary-General Designate