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As requested, please see attached for your information.

Note to Mr. Sise

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GENOCIDE PREVENTION

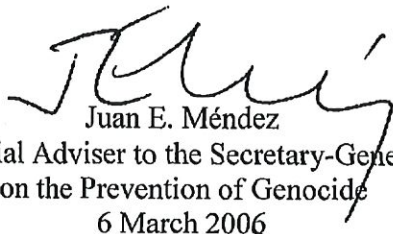
I would like to inform you of the current state of play with regard to the proposed Advisory Committee on Genocide Prevention.

Dr. David Hamburg and I have contacted all proposed members of the Committee. All of them have agreed, in principle, to their participation and have started to respond in writing to the Secretary-General's invitation. To date, at least Mr. Garreton, Mr. Evans, and Ms. Andersson have responded to the invitation in writing (although my office has not yet received a copy of Ms. Andersson's letter).

After speaking with Committee members and ascertaining some of their agendas, Dr. Hamburg has written to proposed Committee members and suggested the weeks of 2-9 May or 18-25 June as possible times for the Committee's first meeting. I shall be meeting Dr. Hamburg tomorrow, 7 March 2006, to discuss the agenda, working modalities and practical steps that must be taken in preparation of the meeting.

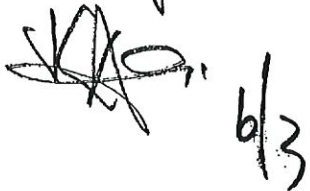
Administratively, we have secured funds for at least two meetings during 2006, with an understanding that Sweden would consider contributing additional funds, if needed.

I shall keep you apprised of developments.


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on the Prevention of Genocide
6 March 2006

cc: Mme. Arbour
Mr. Gambari

Good development.



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Has the Advisory Committee
been established and
was it met?

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