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Note to the Secretary-General

Transmittal letter for Report of Panel on UN Peace Operations

1. Please see attached letter transmitting the Report of the Panel on UN Peace Operations to the Security Council. (An identical letter would be sent to the President of the General Assembly.) Your approval is requested.
2. Please note that you would need to designate, in para. 3, the person who will be responsible for follow-up on the report's recommendations.

Thank you.

  
 S. Iqbal Riza  
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Dear Mr. President,

On 7 March 2000, I convened a high-level Panel to undertake a thorough review of the United Nations' peace and security activities, and to present a clear set of specific, concrete and practical recommendations to assist the United Nations to conduct such activities better in the future. I asked Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, the former Foreign Minister of Algeria, to chair the Panel, which included eminent personalities from around the world, with a wide range of experience in the fields of peacekeeping, peacebuilding, development and humanitarian assistance: Mr. Brian Atwood, Ambassador Colin Granderson, Dame Ann Hercus, Mr. Richard Monk, General Klaus Naumann (retd.), Ms. Hisako Shimura, Ambassador Vladimir Shustov, General Philip Sibanda, and Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga.

I am pleased to transmit herewith the Panel's report, whose proposals merit full attention and support. The Panel's analysis is frank yet fair; its recommendations are far-reaching yet sensible and practical. The expeditious implementation of the Panel's recommendations, in my view, is essential to make the United Nations truly credible as a force for peace.

Many of the Panel's recommendations relate to matters fully within the purview of the Secretary-General, while others will need the approval and support of the legislative bodies of the United Nations. I urge all Member States to join me in considering, approving and supporting the implementation of those recommendations. In that connection, I am pleased to inform you that I have designated <sup>Dr. S. G.</sup> [SG to Designate] to follow-up on the report's recommendations and to oversee the preparation of a detailed implementation plan which I shall submit to the General Assembly and Security Council.

I very much hope that this report, in particular its Executive Summary, will be brought to the attention of all the leaders who will be coming to New York in September to participate in the Millennium Summit. That high-level and historic meeting presents a unique opportunity for us to commence the process of renewing the United Nations' capacity to secure and build peace. I ask for the support of the General Assembly and Security Council in converting into reality the far-reaching agenda laid out in the attached report.

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

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
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President of the Security Council  
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