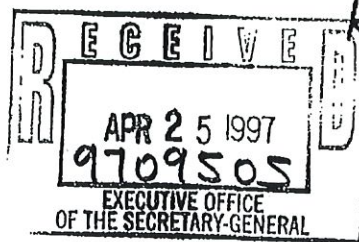


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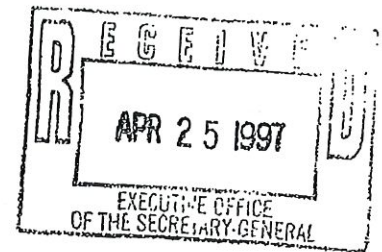
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General, *Dear Kofi,*

I take the liberty to write to you about an issue that I consider crucial for the role of the United Nations Secretariat in the economic and social domain.

You may remember that, in a conversation that we had before your election as Secretary-General, I emphasized three points:

- (i) Even when they represent tough competition, the United Nations has to cooperate, in a very relaxed frame of mind, with the other principal multilateral development organizations. The network to be created should include not only the Bretton Woods Institutions and the World Trade Organization, but also other organizations of major importance today.
- (ii) It would be timely for these organizations to enunciate a common conceptual framework for multilateral development policies. In this new framework, the traditional view of a North-South "divide" has to be revised and, reflecting the disappearance of the East-West "divide", the so-called "Transition Economies" have to be properly integrated.