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You will recall the meeting several weeks ago when you, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Chef de Cabinet and Ms. Lindemayer were briefed on the prospects for achieving zero nominal growth in the final performance report on the 2001 budget appropriation.

2. Since that time several important actions have been taken.

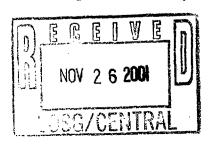
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OBJET: current year's budget assessment

THROUGH: S/C DE:

- Sufficient offsets have been found elsewhere in the budget to absorb the excess expenditure above budget in General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (\$35 million)
- It has been determined that we do not need to find offsets for the 2001 provision for unforeseen expenditures since the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures provides for contingencies at the same rate in both years of the biennium.
- It has been concluded that foreign exchange and inflation, "by their externally driven nature", do not arise because of actions taken by the United Nations.
- Disclosure is made that prospective additional security measures arising as a result of the tragic events of 11 September 2001 and developments in Afghanistan could affect final budget numbers.
- As you know, the United States Secretary of State has required for a number of years a letter from me attesting that the United Nations has taken no action to increase funding for any programme without identifying an offset elsewhere in the budget. My \(l\) letter has served as a backup for the Secretary's own certification.



- 4. I have prepared and shared with the United States Mission the draft of such a letter, the form and content of which is based importantly on the matters set forth in paragraph 2 above.
- 5. While I cannot conclude definitively on this matter, the Legal Counsel of the State Department has reviewed this draft and considers that this letter, and the Secretary's certification, will satisfy the benchmark for release of the last \$100 million of United States appropriations for United Nations assessment payment.
- 6. I will issue this letter on the day that President Bush signs the United Nations appropriation, which will be some day this week or early next week.

cc: Ms. Lindenmayer Mr. Halbwachs Mr. Sach