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31 March, 2000

Dear Ms. Bell,

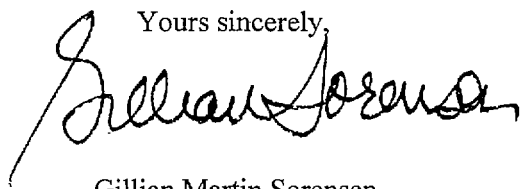
Thank you for your letter of 2 March 2000 addressed to the Secretary-General. Your positive comments regarding his recent visit to Australia were much appreciated.

I have referred your specific question regarding a system of measuring volunteering in national accounts to Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). The Statistics Division of DESA is cooperating with Johns Hopkins University in the United States to produce a handbook on how to reflect statistics on non-profit institutions in the System of National Accounts approved by the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1993. Implementing the handbook's recommendations will allow non-profits and others to understand the contribution they make. An expert to review a draft is expected to meet in July this year.

As for your desire for the Secretary-General to agree to support "appropriate infrastructure for volunteering through the establishment of national bodies on volunteering", the Secretary-General has repeatedly drawn attention to the dynamism and importance of civil society in virtually every sphere of human life. He has also emphasized the need to enhance the participation of civil society—including, of course, voluntary organizations—in policy discussions at the national and international levels. The specific means of achieving this are a matter for discussion within the deliberative bodies of the United Nations concerned with economic and social development, and between United Nations programmes and agencies and the Governments with which they work in the field.

I hope you will find this information helpful. I thought you might be interested in the enclosed Executive Summary of the Millennium Report of the Secretary-General, released this week. The full report is available on the United Nations Homepage on the World Wide Web, and will eventually be available in print from the UN Information Centre in Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

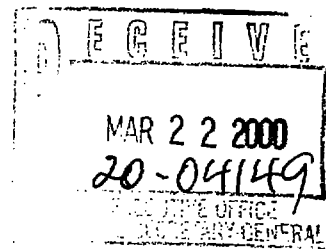


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02/03/00

The Hon. Kofi Annan
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USA

Dear Secretary-General,

May I take the opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for your visit to Australia. All nations need to receive inspirational leaders and your wonderful way of listening, speaking absolutely to the point, together with such a breadth of knowledge, display of optimistic attitude and sense of purpose was most encouraging to us all.

As part of the ACFOA delegation meeting in Canberra, and later listening to your address to the Press Club, I was left feeling refreshed and full of courage to go on working for an enhanced civil society and doing what I can in my own small way to put citizens at the centre.

I look forward to representing CIVICUS and the International Association for Volunteer Effort at the NGO Millennium Forum and at Geneva +5.

May I ask that in celebration of the Year of the Volunteer 2001, you and your executive colleagues give strong consideration to how the UN might ask nations:

1. To measure volunteering in the national accounts, at least at the supplementary level
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With all good wishes and many thanks.

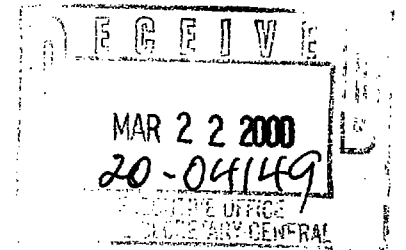
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As requested, please see attached reply from H. Habermann
(Statistics Div.) .

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Hermann, could you help ?		

NIKHIL, WE ARE COOPERATING WITH JOHN HOEKING'S UNIVERSITY TO PRODUCE A HANDBOOK ON NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS IN THE 1993 SNA. IT WILL ALLOW NON-PROFITS & OTHERS TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTRIBUTION OF NON-PROFITS TO THE SNA. AN EXPERT GROUP TO REVIEW A DRAFT IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

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*Could the Statistics Division
(or anyone else in DESA)
provide elements for a
brief reply (acknowledgement
of these points (the handwritten
point N° 1)?)
Many thanks*

(Handwritten)
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