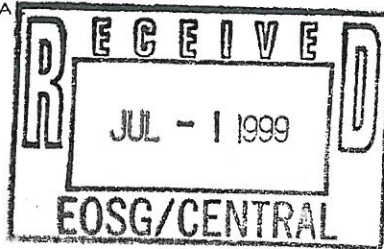




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Excellency,

Thank you very much for accepting the invitation to attend the meeting between the Secretary-General and business leaders on 5 July in Geneva. The agenda of the meeting as well as a list of participants is attached herewith.

You may wish to consider making some brief remarks on the first substantive item, promoting investment in Least Developed Countries. This project was initiated in February 1998, when we had our first meeting with representatives of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The main item of this year's meeting is the corporate response to the Global Compact that I introduced at the World Economic Forum in January of this year (copy attached).

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

Kofi A. Annan

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