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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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8 September 2005

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2005, inviting me to attend the Sixth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held on 19 September in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

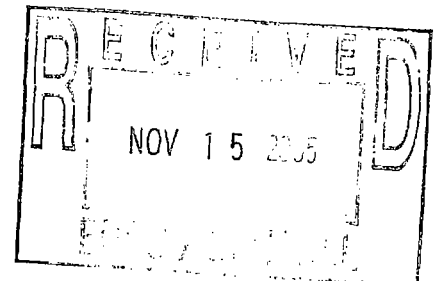
Regrettably, due to previous engagements on this date, I will be unable to attend. Given the importance of the meeting, I have asked Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to represent me and deliver a message on my behalf.

I seize this opportunity to assure you of my continued support to the cause of landlocked developing countries and send my best wishes of success for the meeting.

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

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun  
Permanent Representative of the Lao People's  
Democratic Republic to the United Nations  
Chairman of the Group of Landlocked  
Developing Countries  
New York



**Note to Mr. Chowdhury**

**Sixth Annual Ministerial Meeting  
of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries**

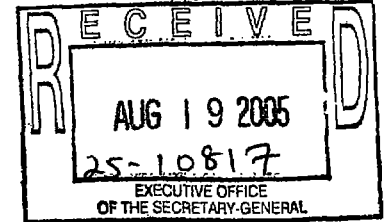
Thank you for your availability to represent the Secretary-General at the Sixth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held on 19 September in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Please find attached a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary-General to the Chairman of the Group, informing him of the above.

Thank you,



Michael Møller  
8 September 2005

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18 August 2005

Mr. Secretary-General,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, I have the honour to inform you that the Sixth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York *on Monday, September 19, 2005, from 3-6 p.m., in Trusteeship Council Chamber*. The objective of this Ministerial Meeting is to review the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action adopted at the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 28-29 August 2003, and evaluate what has been done by the Group during the past year, on issues relating to international trade and development, particularly the outcome of the Trade Ministers Meeting of LLDCs held in Asuncion, Paraguay, from 9-10 August 2005 en route for the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial Conference. The Provisional Agenda of the Meeting is enclosed herewith for your reference.

Thankful for the consistent encouragement and support you and your office have given to the cause of LLDCs, I have great pleasure to invite Your Excellency to this Ministerial Meeting. Needless to say, with your participation, Mr. Secretary-General, our deliberations would be made more lively and resourceful, thus leading to a positive outcome which should guide our Group in the the successful follow-up to the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action.

I would highly appreciate it if you could inform me of your intention to make a statement at this meeting in due course. For further information, please contact Mr. Phomma Khammanichanh, Counsellor (Tel: (212)832-2734/-0095, Fax: (212)750-0039; E-mail: [phomkham@hotmail.com](mailto:phomkham@hotmail.com)).

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alounkeo Kittikhoun  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative,  
Chairman of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries

His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York

**SIXTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF  
LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES\*  
60TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
NEW YORK, 19 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. OPENING OF MEETING
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
4. BRIEFING BY H.E. AMBASSADOR LEILA RACHID COWLES, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PARAGUAY ON ISSUES RELATED TO TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (OUTCOME OF THE MEETING OF TRADE MINISTERS OF LLDCs, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY 9-10 AUGUST 2005)
5. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO THE FOLLOW-UP TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALMATY PROGRAMME OF ACTION
6. THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
7. OTHER MATTERS

\*The Group of Landlocked Developing Countries comprises Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao P.D.R., Lesotho, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Paraguay, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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Please find attached a copy of an invitation to the Secretary-General to address the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries on 19 Sept.

The Secretary-General approved that Mr. Chowdhury would represent him at the meeting.

Therefore, a letter would need to be sent to the Perm. Rep. of Laos and Mr. Chowdhury.

We would appreciate your follow-up to this invitation.  
Thank you.

cc.: EM / AS, MT