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TO: All Heads of Department and Office  
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27 September 2002

FROM: The Secretary-General  
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SUBJECT: **Launch of the new United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme**

1. It gives me great pleasure to announce the launching of the United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme, created through a partnership with the Institute for International Education, the implementing institution of the Fulbright Program, and the United Nations Foundation/Better World Fund.
2. Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 250,000 participants from countries around the world with the opportunity to study each other's political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and engage in joint projects. Many participants later assume influential positions in their own countries. Most grantees spend approximately nine months studying or teaching in a university or research institution.
3. Under the United Nations Fulbright Fellowship Programme, carefully selected grantees from developing countries will be invited to extend their study/research programmes through placement with a United Nations department or office, which can benefit in equal measure from the energy and expertise of an outstanding scholar in the field. The Fellowship Programme differs from the Internship Programme in that the Fellows selected will already be Fulbright scholars, with post-graduate experience in their field, who will receive a stipend to cover their living expenses during the six-month fellowship period. The Programme will also include activities to foster networking among participants, which will extend the benefits of the Programme after the fellowship period has ended.
4. I would request that you consider hosting a funded Fulbright scholar in your department or office from July to December 2003. The success of this programme will depend to a large extent on a selection process that will carefully match Fulbright scholars with appropriate host departments. The Office of Human Resources Management will be communicating with you shortly about the implementation modalities.
5. I count on your support for this initiative, which has the potential to provide the Organization with some specialized expertise and to build support for the work of the United Nations among key global constituencies.

