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Terrorism  
Disarmament ?



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 April 2002

Excellency,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 April 2002 transmitting the report on the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and wish to express personally my appreciation for your work in presiding over the Board's deliberations on such challenging issues.

I fully concur with the Board's conclusion that in order to address seriously the threat of terrorism and the danger that terrorists might actually possess and use weapons of mass destruction, it is imperative to strengthen and further develop the multilateral legal framework. I agree with you that the United Nations has a vital role to play and will spare no effort in this regard.

I have conveyed the specific proposals on weapons of mass destruction and terrorism to the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee for their information. I look forward to receiving a more in-depth report from the Board after the conclusion of the next session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my best wishes for a productive 39<sup>th</sup> session.

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