





October 17, 2005

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, and the centenary of the birth of Dag Hammarskjöld, a Dedication Ceremony for the completed restoration of the Peace Window by Marc Chagall will take place on 24 October in the Visitor's Lobby, immediately before the United Nations Day Concert. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6.15 pm and last for no more than 15 minutes.

I would like to invite you and Mrs. Annan to join me and my wife Kerstin to participate in the event and also make a short statement. Together we could then proceed to the General Assembly Hall in time for the UN Day Concert with the Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra.

The restoration project will be dedicated by Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky, Chairman of Maecenas World Patrimony Foundation, which initiated and funded the restoration. The dedication ceremony was originally planned for United Nations Day in 2001, but the tragic events of 11 September and their aftermath obliged postponement of the event.

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

Jan Eliasson

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

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