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**Note to Messrs. Annabi and Kalomoh**

Visit of Chairperson Konaré and his Delegation

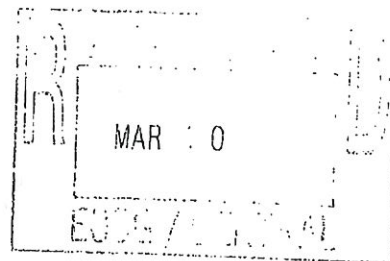
1. Thank you for your note of 4 March 2005 on the above.
2. The Secretary-General has seen the note and observed that the visit clearly has been very productive. He would like DPKO, in consultation with DPA, to draw up an action plan with concrete timelines. The Secretary-General is convinced that the African Union will also appreciate urgent follow-up on the issues discussed during the visit.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

*Mark Malloch Brown*

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8 March 2005

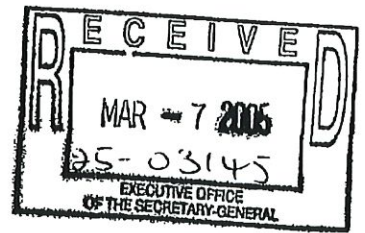
cc The Deputy Secretary-General  
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✓ Note to the Secretary-General

Visit of Chairperson Konaré and his delegation

1. The recent visit to United Nations Headquarters by Chairperson Konaré and a senior delegation from the African Union Commission concluded successfully on 2 March. In the wrap-up meeting, which we co-chaired, the AU delegation expressed their appreciation for the two and a half days of discussions and briefings with representatives from the Departments of Political Affairs and Peacekeeping Operations and from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

2. Our discussions with the AU delegation were frank and forwarding looking. While issue or country-specific meetings were convened and chaired by respective lead departments, no distinction between departments was made during the meetings. We spoke as one United Nations.

3. We can summarise major points of agreement as follows:

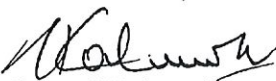
- **Consultation between organisations** – A United Nations/African Union Commission consultative mechanism will be established to review political and security developments in Africa with a view to harmonizing views and avoiding duplication of initiatives in the areas of peacemaking, peacekeeping and preventive action. There will also be short-term staff exchanges, and the UN will assist the African Union in building its staff capacity.
- **Darfur** – An African Union-led assessment, with participation by the United Nations and other major partners, will be undertaken as a matter of urgency, with the understanding that the secretariat would need to undertake its own assessment should the Security Council so request in its forthcoming resolution on Sudan.
- **Democratic Republic of Congo** - The African Union intends to continue to explore the possibility of deploying an enforcement operation to the Kivus to carry out forcible disarmament. The United Nations will be invited to participate in an experts' meeting on this issue in Addis Ababa at the end of next week.
- **Côte d'Ivoire** – The African Union supports your call for more troops for UNOCI and is prepared to facilitate contribution of Nigerian and South African troops to the United Nations Mission. We also agreed that a special quadripartite meeting (AU-UN-ECOWAS-South African mediation) will be required to closely coordinate international cooperation on Côte d'Ivoire and discuss possible next steps; the AU will take the lead on this.
- **Burundi** – While the AU would like is to incorporate the South African protection force into ONUB, it was agreed that the way forward was to seek additional resources to allow this force to continue working.
- **Central African Republic** – The United Nations and the African Union Commission agreed that the UN will continue to engage the parties to ensure that elections are free and fair and

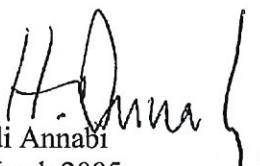
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held in a peaceful environment, and that they open the way for CAR's return to constitutional order, peace, stability and development.

- **Somalia** – At the suggestion of the African Union, it was agreed that IGAD should continue to play a political role; the African Union should proceed with the deployment of a peace support mission as appropriate; and the United Nations should coordinate international development assistance.
  - **Togo** – It was agreed that ECOWAS, the African Union, the United Nations and other international partners should provide assistance for the organization of free and fair elections so as to enable the country to return to constitutional normality, enhance good governance, promote respect for human rights and the rule of law, and consolidate peace, stability and development. It was also recognized that Togo was a serious challenge, but that the situation also offered an opportunity to help pull the country back from the brink and on to the path to democratic rule.
  - **Support to African Peacekeeping** – We promised to consider favourably revising the terms of reference for the UN Assistance Cell which is currently supporting the AU Mission in Sudan so that it can cover other peacekeeping operations. We also gave a comprehensive briefing on planning, deploying and managing a mission, after which it was agreed the United Nations would identify personnel to send to AU Headquarters to build up their capacity to manage peacekeeping operations. We will seek donor funding for this position.
  - **International Conference on the Great Lakes** – The United Nations and the African Union agreed on the need for their continued support to the process. They viewed the Great Lakes Conference as an excellent opportunity to enhance dialogue in the region and an experiment that, if successful, could be replicated in other regions or conflict situations. They also agreed to work closely together to encourage the region to own the process and provide adequate funds, and to go beyond the symbolism of the process and initiate concrete actions. The region should also be encouraged to discuss the future of the process and what mechanism should be put in place to pursue the dialogue and implement decisions in areas of common interest.
4. We will keep you informed as each of these initiatives progress.

  
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4 March 2005

  
Hédi Annabi  
4 March 2005

cc: Deputy Secretary-General  
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Mr. Prendergast  
Mr. Egeland  
Mr. Gambari  
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A very productive meeting  
DPKO in consultation with DPA  
should draw an action plan  
with <sup>2</sup> timelines.  
I am sure AU will also appreciate an urgent  
follow up. ~~HA~~ 8/3