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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1 December 1997

Excellency,

On Human Rights Day, 10 December 1997, we launch a year in which the rights guaranteed to every member of our human family will be a central theme for the United Nations and the international community. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Five-Year Implementation Review of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action from the World Conference on Human Rights in 1993 challenge us to renew and strengthen our commitment to human rights.

The cause of human rights is at the core of the mission of the United Nations. I should like to call on you to support the global effort to reinvigorate the international system for the promotion and protection of human rights, which has developed over the past fifty years. The endeavour of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to mainstream human rights into United Nations activities system-wide will be an important part of our contribution to the anniversary year.

Much remains to be done to ensure that the goals of the Universal Declaration are realized for every individual, but I am confident that the international community will respond to this challenge in a spirit of mutual respect and solidarity. We need greater efforts at the international and national levels to prevent conflicts, eradicate poverty, and empower people through human rights, democracy, and development.

His Excellency
Mr. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

I call on Governments to take appropriate measures to turn solemn commitments into concrete actions for the betterment of all people. I encourage Governments that have not done so to sign and ratify outstanding human rights treaties, and to develop national plans of action to promote greater respect for human rights. Let us complete universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and work with determination for universal ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by the year 2000, as was called for by the World Conference.

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

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Kofi A. Annan

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