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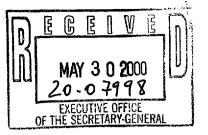


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Highly Esteemed Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan.

I wish to offer you my deepest gratitude from the inmost recesses of my heart for your most profound and magnanimous message which you sent to us on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations.

This message was read out at the Peace Concert which I held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium on April 18th and all who were present derived tremendous encouragement and strength from your powerful and uplifting words.

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soul for blessing me with the opportunity to serve the United Nations according to my own humble capacity.

The United Nations is so fortunate to have you as its world-pilot as it enters the New Millennium. Your own vast inner depths, your solitude-loving life, the quietness and gentleness that emanate from you, your sincerity and humility all bespeak a man whose words and actions are based on a deep and fulfilling inner life of peace and harmony.

May you continue to serve the United Nations for many long years to come so that this world-body, which is humanity's cherished dream, may carry the message of peace throughout the length and breadth of the world.

Yours in the Supreme,

Jee Chin way Sri Chinmoy

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