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Dear Ms. Fleming,

The Deputy Secretary-General has asked me to thank you for your letter of 22 June 2004.

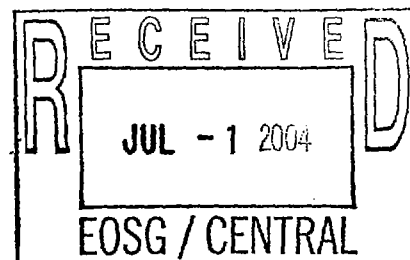
The Deputy Secretary-General is honoured and touched that Mr. Sri Chinmoy offered to award her the *Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart Award*. However, she regrets very much that she is unable to accept this honour at present. She has asked me to convey to Sri Chinmoy and yourself her deep thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yohannes Mengesha'.

Yohannes Mengesha
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Deputy Secretary-General

Ms. Sanchita Fleming
Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart
Ottawa





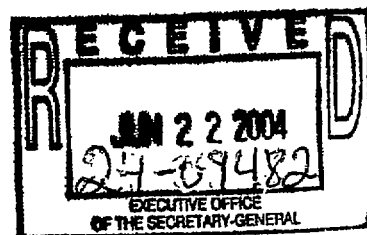
Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart

Honouring Men and Women of Inspiration and Dedication

Selected List of Recipients:

21 June 2004

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Spiritual Leaders

Pope John Paul II

Mother Teresa

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Cardinal Basil Hume

Madame Louise Fréchette

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

UN Headquarters

405 East 42nd Street

New York, NY 10017

U.S.A.

Heads of State

Pres. Nelson Mandela

Pres. Boris Trajkovski

Pres. Michal Kováč

Pres. R. Venkatraman

Pres. Kiro Gligorov

Pres. Luis A. Lacalle

P.M. Giulio Andreotti

P.M. S. Hermansson

P.M. David Lange

Sultan Tuanka Ja'afar
ibni Al Marhum

Dear Madame Fréchette:

As the first Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, you have inspired the hearts and minds of countless people throughout the world with the integrity, sacrifice and commitment that you bring to this lofty, responsible position. Time and again, the magnanimity of your heart's love for humanity is expressed through your tireless and dedicated service to the United Nations and Secretary-General Kofi Annan, as you both endeavour to fulfill the United Nations' founding vision of a oneness-world.

Canadian Government

Hon. Bill Graham

Hon. Jean Augustine

Senator B.A. Graham

Senator Shirley Maheu

It is therefore, with the deepest respect and admiration for your exemplary life of inspiration, courage and dedication, that goodwill emissary Sri Chinmoy would be greatly honoured to present to you the *Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart Award* – an international heart-to-heart award that is presented to world-transforming people from all walks of life. A selection of recipients of this award include: Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa, President Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

US Congressmen

Gary Ackerman

Benjamin Gilman

Nobel Laureates

Dr. R. Bruce Merrifield

Dame Dorothy Hodgkin

Sri Chinmoy is an international promoter of global oneness and selfless-service to humanity. He has expressed his deepest aspirations for these goals through a wide range of endeavours including those in music, the arts, literature and athletics. Since 1970, at the request of then Secretary-General U Thant, he has held a series of twice-weekly prayer and meditation sessions for diplomats, delegates and staff at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Athletes

Muhammad Ali

Carl Lewis

Donovan Bailey

Silken Laumann

Sri Chinmoy often presents the *Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart Award* in a beautiful garden setting in Jamaica, Queens. The ceremony is private and media-free. At the age of 72, Sri Chinmoy is also an avid weightlifter and he incorporates his skills in this sport into the award ceremony by physically lifting the recipient on a safe, specially designed platform. This unique and charming aspect of the ceremony is a form of tribute, and recipients inevitably find the experience to be both joyful and deeply moving.

Cultural Luminaries

Ravi Shankar

Karen Kain

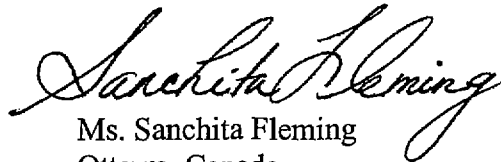
Paul Horn

Madame Fréchette, your unprecedented achievements at the United Nations have instilled pride and joy in the hearts of all Canadians. We will be eternally grateful to you for your years of dedicated service to Canada, as we applaud your current success and the courage, integrity and nobility with which you have achieved it. Your life's work reflects a deep love, concern and compassion not only for the people of Canada, but all of humanity. Your outstanding career accomplishments are equalled only by your tireless and self-giving heart – as reflected in your life of dedicated service to the beautiful, promising vision of the United Nations.

It is therefore our sincere hope that you will accept this invitation to receive the *Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart Award* from Sri Chinmoy as an expression of our heartfelt gratitude for all that you have done to uplift and inspire humanity by offering your heart's concern and your life's capacity for the betterment of the world. Should your schedule not permit you to travel to Jamaica, Queens, Sri Chinmoy would be happy to present you with this award at the United Nations, or at a time and place of your convenience hopefully in the very near future.

We thank you for your kind consideration of this invitation, and look forward to hearing from you. May we offer you our heartfelt prayers and best wishes for continued success in your vital work as Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sanchita Fleming". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

Ms. Sanchita Fleming
Ottawa, Canada
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About Sri Chinmoy

For nearly forty years Sri Chinmoy has fostered world-oneness and self-transcendence through a wide variety of endeavors.

He has shared mutual inspiration and hopes for a better world in dialogues with Heads of State, ambassadors, artists, top athletes, eminent professors, and spiritual leaders.

Published by Simon & Schuster, Harper & Row, Hazelden, Blue Dove Press, Health Communications and others, his poetry, essays, plays and short stories — translated into twenty-six languages — explore the length and breadth of the human quest for self-understanding. He has also lectured at universities worldwide, including Harvard, Yale and Cambridge.

In hundreds of concerts worldwide — always free of charge — he has performed his own compositions at concert halls such as New York's Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, London's Royal Albert Hall, San Francisco's Louise Davies Hall and Tokyo's Budokan Hall.

Selections of his paintings and "Dream-Freedom Soul-Birds" drawings have been displayed in galleries and exhibitions worldwide.

A lifelong athlete, he has set several age-group world records in weight lifting, and has competed in distances from 100 meters to ultramarathons. To encourage physical fitness, he founded the International Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, an organization which sponsors athletic events from Masters track and field competitions to the world's longest certified race of 3,100 miles.

Nelson Mandela

President of South Africa (1994-99)
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1994

Your untiring efforts and continuous travels worldwide to spread the message of the oneness of humanity are indeed admirable, my brother. [26 Aug 1997]

Mikhail Gorbachev

President of the USSR (1985-91)
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1990

Today your humanitarian activities take on a particular value for all people of goodwill. [2 Apr 2003]

Mother Teresa

Founder, Missionaries of Charity
Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979

Thank you for the beautiful work you have done for the good of souls. I keep you in my prayer and I count on your continual support through your prayers and sacrifices. [25 Jun 1997]

Leonard Bernstein

Legendary composer and conductor
Musical Director,
New York Philharmonic (1958-70)

Sri Chinmoy is a miraculous model of the abundance in the creative life, and I can only hope that I may someday participate in that cosmic fountain of stillness and profound energy which he inhabits. [31 Oct 1977]