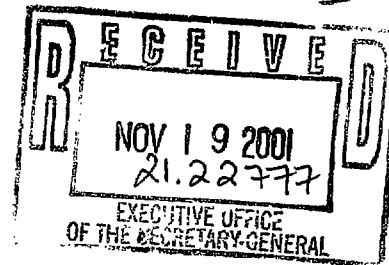


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Highly Esteemed Secretary-General Kofi Annan,

From the inmost recesses of my gratitude-heart, I wish to offer you my happiest CONGRATULATIONS. This momentous and historical achievement of yours and of the United Nations—receiving the centenary Nobel Peace Prize—is truly an unparalleled achievement for all humanity. With your sacred humility, which has indeed moved mountains, you stated today, “This award is a tribute, above all, to our colleagues who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of humanity. The only true prize, for them and for us, will be peace itself.”

At a time of unimaginable suffering, today’s announcement has given precious hope and boundless joy to countless millions of peace-lovers and peace-servers throughout the length and breadth of the world. You offer a clarion call at every hush-gap for the family of nations to join together for the benefit of all. You remind us of our bounded duty to live in a world of all-embracing interdependence.

Through your stellar leadership and through a myriad of global programmes which you have initiated, the United Nations has become the Heart-Home of the entire humanity. Now the peace-loving world immediately and confidently looks to the United Nations to solve its most pressing problems. Because of your most loving and most compassionate leadership and guidance of the World-Body, it was possible for the Nobel Peace Committee to use this most important prize of humanity “to proclaim that the only negotiable route to global peace and cooperation goes by way of the United Nations.”

Once again, I am offering my most devoted and most delighted gratitude-smiles to you on this red letter day of God and humanity's Progress-Happiness. I am extremely grateful to you for your compassionate encouragement of our twice-weekly Peace Meditation and the United Nations. Highly Esteemed Secretary-General, with our heart's intense eagerness, we shall continue with our humble prayers and meditations for world peace.

May our Beloved Lord Supreme continue to shower His choicest Love, Pride and Satisfaction-Blessings upon you, O beloved Pilot supreme of the United Nations-Boat!

Yours in the Supreme,

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