



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

10 April 2003

Dear Mr. Barberini,

Please accept my belated thanks for the kind letter you addressed to me earlier this year expressing the International Co-Operative Alliance's strong support for the United Nations. I am, of course, well aware of the long and fruitful relationship between the United Nations and your organization.

The United Nations faces new challenges emerging from the war in Iraq. At the same time, the world's people expect this Organization to continue its work unabated on other conflicts and a broad range of issues that affect them directly. Please be assured that we will do our best to meet those expectations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan

Mr. Ivano Barberini
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Geneva