

**Note of thanks from the  
Under-Secretary-General for Management  
Christopher B. Burnham**

I would like to offer special thanks to everyone who contributed to the monumental task of producing this first-ever performance-focused report of the United Nations Secretariat. This report is meant to promote accountability and transparency by presenting the results — both successes and failures — of the Secretariat's activities in 2005 in an honest, frank and transparent manner and by detailing the resources used to conduct these activities. I expect the report to improve with each successive year and welcome feedback from all those who are interested in and benefit from the work of the United Nations, including its Member States and the global taxpayer.

Although the Department of Management was charged with coordinating this effort, every department and office of the Secretariat, as well as the five regional commissions and the tribunals, provided extensive inputs and worked closely with my staff to ensure the report's accuracy and proper focus. I especially want to thank Tony Proscio, an outside consultant who turned what could have been a run-of-the-mill UN report into a fresh expression of our work. I also extend my sincerest appreciation to the Graphic Design Unit within the Department of Public Information, which went beyond the call of duty in its creativity and speed in designing the report, and the Publishing Section in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for its unflinching cooperation in publishing the report on time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher B. Burnham". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

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