



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 May 2004

Excellency,

In my letter of 12 March 2004, I invited you to participate in the annual treaty event of the United Nations to be held from 21 to 24 September 2004. I would like to invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to become party to the conventions on transit transport.

At the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in August 2003, the international community recognized that cumbersome border crossings, customs procedures, excessive documentation requirements, inadequate infrastructure facilities and costly bank transactions hinder effective participation of landlocked and transit developing countries in the international trading system. Landlocked and transit developing countries and other countries would benefit considerably by becoming parties and giving effect to treaties relating to transit transport. Such benefits would include the streamlining, simplification, standardization, and transparency of rules and procedures in international transport and trade transactions.

Accordingly, I wish to extend an invitation to your Government to use the occasion of the 2004 treaty event to reaffirm your State's commitment to treaties relating to transit transport by signing, ratifying or acceding to those treaties that are deposited with me to which your country is not party already. (A list of the relevant treaties is attached).

His Excellency

Mr. ...

Head of State/Prime Minister of ... [Name of country]

[Capital]

I would like to inform you in this regard that the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the Office of Legal Affairs and the Economic Commission for Europe are planning to jointly organize a seminar on treaties relating to transit transport in July 2004 during the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council, in order to familiarize Member States with the objectives, key provisions and benefits of the selected transport conventions.

It would be highly appreciated if you would inform me by 1 September 2004 of your intention to sign, ratify or accede to any of these treaties so that the necessary arrangements can be made by the Secretariat.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kofi A. Annan

## LETTER WITH ANNEX SENT BY AUTOMOBILE DISTRIBUTION

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CROATIA	MAURITIUS	TIMOR-LESTE
CYPRUS	MICRONESIA	TONGA
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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S	MOZAMBIQUE	TURKEY
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DENMARK	NAMIBIA	TUVALU
DOMINICA	NAURU	UGANDA
EGYPT	NEPAL	UKRAINE
ERITREA	NETHERLANDS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
ESTONIA	NEW ZEALAND	UNITED KINGDOM
ETHIOPIA	NIGERIA	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
FIJI	NORWAY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FINLAND	OMAN	UZBEKISTAN
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GEORGIA	PALAU	VIET NAM
GERMANY	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	YEMEN
GHANA	PHILIPPINES	ZAMBIA
GREECE	POLAND	ZIMBABWE
GRENADA	PORTUGAL	
GUYANA	QATAR	
HUNGARY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	
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