



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 May 2006

Dear Mr. Heslop,

Thank you for your informative letter and clippings about the “National Get to Know Your Neighbour Day” that you initiated in Australia in 2003. The concept of good neighbourliness is applicable on many levels, between people and nations, and is a prerequisite for peace and security within and among countries.

Against this background, I am pleased to inform you that the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information will disseminate information about your initiative to the 1,500 non-governmental organizations worldwide which are associated with the Department. In addition, these organizations will be encouraged to share this concept with their partners.

National Information Officer Jenny Watson of the United Nations Information Centre in Sydney, which will soon move to Canberra, would be pleased to discuss this matter further with you. Ms. Watson can be reached at jwatson@un.org.au.

I wish you great success with this worthy initiative and thank you for sharing this project with the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kofi A. Annan

Mr. Andrew Heslop
Founder
National Get to Know Your Neighbour Day.