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Letter dated 18 April 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), which was established to verify compliance with the commitments contained in the 1996 Peace Agreements signed by the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG).

The purpose of the present letter is to inform you that I have decided to appoint Mr. Tom Koenigs (see annex) as my Special Representative in Guatemala and Head of MINUGUA, effective 1 August 2002. Mr. Koenigs will succeed Mr. Gerd Merrem, who has headed the Mission since August 2000.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**

Annex

Tom Koenigs: curriculum vitae

Date of birth: 25 January 1944

Nationality: Germany

Married, three children (23, 20 and 13)

1999 to date Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, responsible for civil administration, including the Police and Joint Interim Administrative Structure, i.e., the Departments of Agriculture, Civil Security, Culture, Education and Science, Environmental Protection, Health and Social Welfare, Justice, Labour and Employment, Local Administration, Non-Resident Affairs, Post and Telecommunications, Public Services, Sports, Transport and Infrastructure and Youth.

1989-1999 Elected Commissioner and member of the Governing Board of the Municipal Administration of Frankfurt, Germany.

April 1997 to August 1999 Responsible for environment and public services (waste/sewage management, green space and gardens, forestry, fire brigades and civil security).

April 1994 to March 1997 Deputy Mayor of Frankfurt.

April 1993 to March 1997 Appointed Treasurer responsible for municipal finance, revenue and taxes, municipal property and real estate, civil registration, documentation and elections.

June 1989 to March 1993 Responsible for environment protection and public services.

1990-1999 Chairman of the International Board of the Climate Alliance (an international NGO of 800 European member cities with the aim of linking municipal efforts in Europe with those of the indigenous peoples of the Amazonian and other rainforests to reduce air pollution, stop deforestation and the deterioration of the world climate in general).

1987-1989 Head of Directorate of Planning and Information Technology in the Ministry of Environment in the state of Hesse/Wiesbaden, Germany.

1985-1987 Chief of Staff, Head of Central Department, Head of the Office of the Minister of Environment of the state of Hesse/Wiesbaden, Germany.

1985-1986 Elected member of the Municipal Assembly of Frankfurt.

1983-1985 Scientific assistance to the Parliamentary Group of the Green Party in the State Parliament of Hesse, responsible for finance and environment, Wiesbaden, Germany.

- 1980-1983 Translator of Latin American literature (Spanish to German).
- 1972-1980 Publisher, manager of a bookshop, welder, electronics technician, taxi driver in Frankfurt.
- 1969-1972 Assistant teacher of political science and economy, Free University, Berlin, Germany.
- 1966-1969 Studies in economics and political science, MA degree.
- Languages: German (mother tongue), Spanish (fluent), English (fluent), French (working level), Greek and Latin (school level).
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