Letter dated 20 January 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the attached communication, dated 29 December 2005, which I received from the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan
Letter dated 29 December 2005 from the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing further to the recent meeting of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council, to inform you that Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling of the Federal Republic of Germany has been chosen to succeed me as High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The transfer between Dr. Schwarz-Schilling and myself will take place on 31 January 2006.

Dr. Schwarz-Schilling’s knowledge of Bosnia and Herzegovina is considerable. As you will recall, he served as the International Mediator here for 10 years, was a member of the German Parliament for 26 years and of the German Government for 10 years.

I am informed that this information should be passed on to the Security Council for their consideration and possible agreement.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you personally for the support and assistance you have given to me since I took up this position in May 2002.

(Signed) Paddy Ashdown