



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 January 2017

Dear Ms. Gardinier,

Thank you very much for your kind words of congratulations. I am honoured and touched by your trust.

Being able to return to once again serve the United Nations is a great privilege but it also instills in me a profound sense of humility and responsibility. Today's global challenges are complex and can only inspire a humble approach – one in which the Secretary-General works together with partners and makes his good offices available; working as a convener, a mediator, a bridge-builder and an honest broker to help find solutions that benefit everyone involved.

I am heartened by the commitment that the ChildFund Alliance has shown in support of children, youths and families in preventing and overcoming poverty around the world. We all must play a role and work together to deliver on our global commitments to protect and enhance human rights and to ensure sustainable development, climate mitigation and adaption, as well as peace and security for everyone, in particular, the most vulnerable.

The dreams and aspirations of the founders of the United Nations are yet to be fulfilled. I am looking forward to embarking jointly with you on the path of bringing lasting well-being to humanity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

António Guterres

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