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His Excellency Kofi Annan
The Secretary-General
United Nations
One UN Plaza
New York, NY 10017
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Dear Mr. Annan,

The International Co-operative Alliance, founded in 1895, is the world's largest NGO with over 750 million members in some 100 countries. One of its major objectives is: "to promote sustainable human development and to further the economic and social progress of people, thereby contributing to international peace and security".

We work closely with all our co-operative members, drawn from many cultures and linked by shared values, to achieve these goals, to fight poverty and hunger and to promote economic development and peaceful relations among peoples. We do so in collaboration with various UN bodies.

On behalf of the ICA Board I would therefore like at this time to reiterate our strong support for the efforts of the United Nations in pursuit of peace, sustainable human development and security.

Ivano Barberini
President, ICA