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Distinguished Signatories,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I should like to thank you for your letter of 14 March 2006, setting out your proposal for a moratorium and the establishment of a high-level United Nations Mediation Commission on the issue of Iran's nuclear programme.

Your concern about finding a peaceful, diplomatic solution is widely shared. As you know, the issue of Iran's nuclear programme is presently under formal consideration by the Security Council, which adopted a Presidential Statement in this respect on 29 March 2006. The members of the Council unanimously called upon Iran to respond positively to the recent resolutions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), but at the same time made clear the willingness of the international community to seek a negotiated outcome to the issues concerning Iran's nuclear activities.

I should like to express my appreciation for your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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