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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries,
Regional Executive Directors, Bureau Directors
And Heads of Attached Agencies

SUBJECT : **COMMITMENT AND CHALLENGES FROM THE
TUNZA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE
ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

DATE : OCT 19 2004

This refers to the attached letter of Mr. Klaus Topfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, furnishing us a copy of the commitment and challenges from the Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment held in New London, Connecticut on July 19-23, 2004.

In this connection, we would like to share with you a copy of the said commitment.

For your information.


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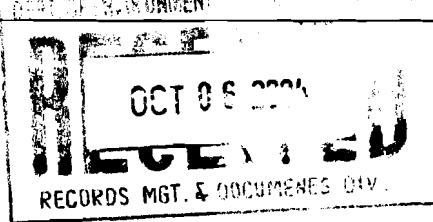


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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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Excellency,

I have the honour to share with you the enclosed commitments and challenges from the 2004 Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment held in New London, Connecticut, from 19 to 23 July 2004.

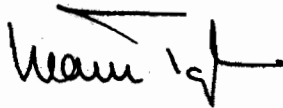
The 2004 Conference was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the International Coalition for Children and the Environment, and was sponsored by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation of Connecticut. It brought together 450 children and 250 adult chaperones from over 50 countries to share views and learn about issues related to biodiversity, indigenous peoples and the environment, water and energy. It also showcased selected environmental projects by schools and children's organizations and provided the participants with a wide range of educational workshops and field trips in the New London area.

I would be very grateful if you could share these commitments and challenges with the relevant authorities in your country. As you will see from the text, the children were strongly influenced by their interaction with the Mashantucket Pequot tribal community. I assure you that UNEP is eager to work with you in responding to these environmental challenges, which, in effect, reflect the concerns of the global community.

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I wish to take this opportunity to inform you that the next global gathering for children will take place in the cities of Toyohashi and Toyota in Japan from 26 to 29 July 2005. The Children's World Summit for the Environment will be organized by UNEP in cooperation with the Aichi Prefectural Government of Japan. It is intended to be a seminal event for children and the environment, and is expected to bring together 1,000 children between the ages of 10 and 14 and their chaperones to discuss their role in environmental efforts. Information about the summit is available at www.children-summit.jp.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Töpfer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Klaus Töpfer
Executive Director