



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 June 2002

Dear Mr. Parmentier,

Thank you for sharing with me in your letter of 31 May from Bali your views and concerns regarding the preparatory process for the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development.

I remain fully committed to making the summit a success. Although one summit by itself will not change history, this summit will be seen to have marked a turning point, if we win clear commitments to change, and new initiatives to make it happen. I thus welcome the commitment that you and your organization, together with Mr. Carstensen of the World Wildlife Fund and Mr. Mittler of Friends of the Earth, have expressed to making progress on all five of the areas I have identified as crucial: water, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity

I hope that I can count on your continued support and active cooperation as the international community -- in all its forms, governmental, multilateral, civil society and private sector -- seeks to transform these goals into action.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kofi A. Annan'.

Kofi A. Annan

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