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Dear Kofi,

The Annual Conference of the UN Association of the United Kingdom (UNA-UK) met last weekend in Warwick. The Conference unanimously asked me to write to express our heartfelt thanks to you for your lifetime of commitment to, and achievement at, the UN. No Secretary-General bore a heavier burden. Thanks to you the voice of the UN, expressed with eloquence and compassion, was heard in every corner of the world. Through good times and bad you kept faith with the organisation, and your personal integrity was an enormous asset and inspiration to all. Your major campaign for reform towards the end of your mandate pointed the way ahead with skill and precision; we only regret that it was not as fully acted on by the member states as it should have been.

We hope that one day you may be willing to appear again on a UNA-UK platform and will enable us to thank you in person for all you did for the UN all these years. Meanwhile, we trust that you and Nane will benefit from some tranquillity after those ten hectic years in the spotlight.

Yours ever,

David Hannay
Chair, UNA-UK