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Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to you on behalf of all of us at the United Nations Association of the United Kingdom – the Board, the staff and the membership – to express our grief and sympathy at the truly appalling loss of life among the members of the UN Mission in Haiti as a result of this week's earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

Sam Daws and I knew Hedi Annabi personally. He was one of the UN's finest officials; a true exemplar of everything that is best about UN peacekeeping in the twenty-first century. He will be sorely missed.

I would be most grateful if you would convey our condolences to the family and friends of all those at the UN Mission who have lost their lives or been injured in this dreadful catastrophe.

Lord Hannay of Chiswick
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