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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The United Nations University, an international community of scholars, generates knowledge and strengthens capacities in areas relevant to global concerns, particularly human security and welfare in developing countries.

The University building, designed by well known Japanese architect Kenzo Tange, is a landmark in the heart of Shibuya Ward. The UNU adds an important international dimension to Tokyo, and is eager to have the Japanese public familiar with its activities.

In this context, I have agreed to give my support to a gifted international artist, Ms. Monique van Kerkhof. She and her team will hold a not-for-profit performance on the University premises in September 2003, on the theme "Seeing the World Through Different Eyes". The aim of this public presentation is to promote dialogue between civilizations, which touches the core of the United Nations University's academic activities.

Ms. Monique van Kerkhof is approaching you to help sponsor this art performance. I heartfully recommend her to you, and hope you will find it possible to contribute to the success of this important cultural project.

Prof. Dr. Hans van Ginkel
Under-Secretary General of the United Nations
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