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Dear Partners and Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to write and to introduce myself to members of the Stop TB Partnership. I am delighted that the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has appointed me as his first Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis.

This is an important and a very challenging job. I very much look forward to working with the Secretary General, with WHO and with the Stop TB Partnership to place TB at the top of international political and development agendas.

My immediate aim and focus will be two-fold: to encourage world leaders and national governments to strengthen their commitment to fighting TB and to call on them to support and implement the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015 in order to reach the MDG targets for TB.

I hope and trust that my experience will be an asset to our collective efforts.

I truly believe that we need to work together to achieve the TB Millennium Development Goal and save up to an additional 14 million lives by 2015.

With support from WHO and the Partnership Secretariat, I have started work on a calendar of opportunities to allow me to make the best strategic contribution to the fight against TB.

I very much hope that, over the coming months and years, I will have a chance to work with many of you to deliver on this worthy goal of stopping TB. In my own view, your own contribution to this shared goal is absolutely irreplaceable and has to be strengthened.

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I thank you for the support I received so far and count on you to work with me in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas to help me perform my task and to better achieve our shared goal of a world free of TB.

With my sincerest regards,

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