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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon Secretary-General

United Nations, New York

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We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into allfulfilling Divinity.

Highly esteemed Secretary-General,

On behalf of Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, we have the honour to present to you a humble gift of the Korean translation of the book The Wings of Joy, written by Sri Chinmoy, world peace advocate, humanitarian and founder of the Peace Meditation Group.

At the invitation of then Secretary-General U Thant, in 1970 Sri Chinmoy began leading twice-weekly non-denominational peace meditations at the United Nations for staff members of the Secretariat and members of delegations. He served the UN in various ways, sponsoring interfaith and cultural programmes, lectures and concerts at Headquarters to promote world peace, while simultaneously working through his Non-Governmental Organization to provide humanitarian aid to many countries.

The Peace Meditation Group continues in the spirit of Sri Chinmoy's legacy of 37 years of dedicated service to the United Nations and the extended international community. It is our hope that the enclosed book will serve as a source of inspiration as you continue your tireless efforts for the United Nations and for the world at large.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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