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Dear Mr. Otu,

I want to thank you for your participation in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual DPI/NGO Conference, "Voices for Peace, Partnerships and Renewal". Your informative and inspiring presentation enhanced the standing of the Conference as the premier annual NGO gathering at UN Headquarters.

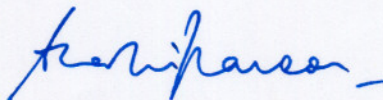
For your information, over 2,000 delegates, representing nearly 700 NGOs and civil society organizations from 86 countries, participated in this year's Conference. These numbers reflect the dedication and growing significance of civil society participation in the United Nations system.

Coming on the eve of the 2005 World Summit, the voices of civil society, and their partners in the UN and among Member States, contributed to the sense of urgency in strengthening the global campaigns to eradicate poverty and ensure human security. I know that the Conference has inspired our NGO partners to continue working towards achieving these objectives in the months and years ahead.

Again, on behalf of the Department of Public Information, thank you for helping to make this Conference a true example of successful partnership between the United Nations and civil society.

I look forward to sending you the final report of the Conference when it is available.

Yours sincerely,



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