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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CAMEROON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In a letter dated 29 November 1996, the President of the Republic of Cameroon and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) invited those African States wishing to do so to put forward qualified candidatures for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations in addition to that of Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, which had already been presented.

I have been instructed to inform you that, according to information received to date by the Chairman of OAU, two additional candidatures have been put forward by the Heads of State, as follows:

Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, President of Ghana, has nominated Mr. Kofi Annan, and Mr. Ibrahima Mainassara Bare, President of the Republic of Niger, has nominated Dr. Hamid Algabid.

On instructions from my Government, I am transmitting these two candidatures to you, together with that of Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

I will not fail to transmit to you any other African candidature which is brought to the attention of H.E. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon and Chairman of OAU, on whose behalf I have been instructed to conduct, insofar as it may be necessary, discussions and negotiations with a view to a happy outcome - the election, fervently desired by all of Africa, of an African candidate to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(Signed) Jérôme MENDOUGA  
Ambassador of Cameroon

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