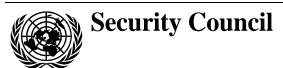
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Letter dated 23 May 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to resolution 1483 (2003), which the Security Council adopted on 22 May 2003, requesting the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Representative for Iraq.

I should like to inform you that, following consultations, I intend to appoint Sergio Vieira de Mello as my Special Representative for Iraq for a period of four months.

I have also written to the President of the General Assembly informing him of my intention.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan