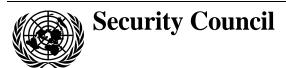
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Letter dated 6 February 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), established by the Security Council in its resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 and most recently extended by its resolution 1642 (2005) of 14 December 2005.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Rafael José Barni (Argentina) as Force Commander of UNFICYP. He replaces Major General Herbert Figoli (Uruguay), who served as Force Commander of UNFICYP since 4 January 2004. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Figoli for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNFICYP.

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

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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