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NOTE TO Mr. DERVIS

Please find attached a self-explanatory letter from Ms. Geraldine Michalska. As mentioned in the second paragraph of her letter, she had written to me previously in my former capacity of Administrator of UNDP. I had forwarded her letter to the Executive Coordinator of the UN Volunteer Programme for review and action, as appropriate. I would be grateful if you could follow-up with UNV and respond to Ms. Michalska directly, on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Please keep me informed of any taken action.

In the meantime, I have sent her the attached letter of acknowledgement.

Thank you,

Mark Malloch Brown

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29 March 2006

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30 March 2006

Dear Ms. Michalska,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 March 2006, regarding the treatment you have received as an election observer in Niger.

I had requested the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteer Programme to review your complaints, and am now asking the new Administrator of the United Nations Programme for Development to follow-up with UNV and respond to you directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Malloch Brown".

Mark Malloch Brown
Chef de Cabinet

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Secretary General Annan
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Dear Secretary Annan:

I am writing to you as I am very concerned that I have been treated unfairly when I worked in Niger as an Election Observer for the last elections there, i.e. Presidential and Legislative Assembly. By that I fear and mean that they (UNV or UNDP) are not giving me any more assignments nor are they giving me good references. My partner and I had a few problems with each other. As he was an African male and the people in charge were African males I noted and noticed that they hung together, did not deal with any of the problems and aggravated the situation by treating me unfairly (evidently blacklisting me while my partner who did a number of things wrong suffered no consequences and was sent to do the Liberian elections months ago. That some people in the United Nations are responsible for inequity towards a woman and responsible for treating me unfairly is not only wrong but shameful.

To add to this unfairness I sent a many-paged letter detailing everything to the UNV in Bonn and then to UNDP (Mark Malloch Brown) in New York and NOTHING was done. This also is shameful. One of the eight Millenium Development Goals is gender equity which is laughable because the U.N. itself does NOT practice gender equity.

I will be happy to send you the many- paged letter explicating the whole story if that is necessary. I am not asking for a break. I am asking for simple fair treatment, equity and redress.

Thank you very much.
Best regards.

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