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Subject: UNA-UK remembers Kofi Annan

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From : "Laurel Hart" <info@una.org.uk>

To : **Mr Lieutenant General Rantastia  
Nur Alangan** <info@spia-indonesia.org>

**Dear Lieutenant General Rantastia nur Alangan (SPIA Indonesia),**

All of us at UNA-UK feel the loss of Kofi Annan keenly, whether we knew him well or were simply inspired by his achievements. We join people across the world in paying tribute to the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, who served from 1997 to 2006.

We have put together a short obituary and a collection of reflections celebrating his life as a leader and friend – including some comments of our own. You can find that [here](#). We have also published [a personal piece](#) from UNA-UK's former Executive Director, Sam Daws and an [obituary written by Edward Mortimer](#) – both of whom worked for Mr. Annan and knew him well.

UNA-UK is honoured to have had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Annan at both major events including the [60th anniversary of the UN](#) as well as a number of smaller events. He wrote for our publications, shared warm messages in support of our work and took time out of his busy schedule to meet with UNA-UK staff and volunteers when in the UK.

Please do keep an eye on our website over the next few days for more articles, event videos and reflections from those within and outside the Association who worked with him.

All the best,

**Laurel & the UNA-UK team**

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Subject: Bachelet's first week on the job, our briefing on killer robots & more

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From: "Laurel Hart" <info@una.org.uk>

To: **Mr Lieutenant General Rantastia Nur Alangan** <info@spia-indonesia.org>

**Dear Lieutenant General Rantastia nur Alangan ( SPIA Indonesia ),**

This week marks Michelle Bachelet's first week in her new role as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights - one of the most important jobs in the world.

#### **Latest news**

We've been talking about Bachelet's appointment on our campaign hub which features her inspiring biography, thoughts on the role and appointment process, an interview with former High Commissioner Mary Robinson, statements from human rights defenders from around the world, and a host of other resources.

We have also launched a poll of priorities for the new High Commissioner - and we'd love to hear from you. Please do have your say and share this link widely.

As we welcome Bachelet, we also want to thank Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein for his four years in this crucial, but often thankless role. Join us in acknowledging Zeid's contribution on Twitter by using the #ThankZeid hashtag. We will send the authors of our five favourite tweets a UN Charter poster. To be considered, make sure you enter before Sunday 16 September.

#### **Spotlight on killer robots**

Last week over 80 member states convened for talks on lethal autonomous weapons, dubbed "killer robots". We've been monitoring the UK's stance on this subject very closely. Have a look at our recent briefing for an overview of these weapons, the threats they pose, UN efforts to address them, and the UK's position.

We also asked our supporters to lobby their MPs: we believe the UK should join the growing number of states supporting a ban on killer robots. Keep an eye out on our website for updates on what happened at the meeting, including whether the UK played a constructive role, and what you can do next. Read our briefing on killer robots.

#### **Local advocacy work on Yemen**

Our supporters have been campaigning hard on the situation in Yemen. We are encouraged that so many of you have urged your MPs to call on the UK to condemn any further Saudi-led military attacks on the port of Hodeidah - an aid lifeline for millions of people. Thanks to you, over 30 MPs have added their names to a letter to the Prime Minister, which now features nearly 100 signatories. Find out how to get our MP to sign on.

#### **Other news**

Our Executive Director, Natalie Samarasinghe, joined NGOs from across the world for the annual UN-NGO conference, held in New York this year. She spoke on UN reform and called for action in the lead-up to the UN's 75th anniversary in 2020. Find out what was said.

**All the best,**

**Laurel & the UNA-UK team**