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Dear Ms. Koma,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 20th June 2003 and for inviting me to contribute with a message to your "Torch of Peace" Idaki Shin Concerts in Japan and Tanzania.

The world at large has arrived at a crossroads and the path ahead of us all is littered with political instability, inequality, uncertainty, poverty and chaos but, very importantly, also hope. If we are to ensure peace and if we really want to hand down a legacy for the generations to come, then we must walk the path of compassion and respect.

If we want to pass on the torch of hope and peace, we must relentlessly pursue the road of sustainable development, equality, universal suffrage, respect and kindness. For it is only through the pursuit of these that we can bring about change – in ourselves and in others – change that is necessary if we are to achieve the peace for which we all yearn.

We at the OPEC Secretariat wish you joy and success with your Charity Concert performances.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyano Silva-Calderon', enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

Alyano Silva-Calderon (Dr.)
Secretary General