

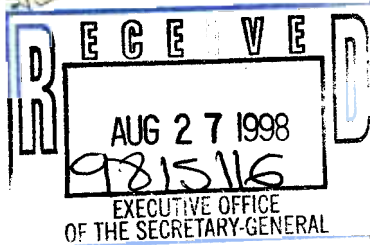
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PRIME MINISTER
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BANGLADESH



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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

This is just to thank you for your letter of 26 June 1998 and for the two documents, Youth Charter for a Twenty-First Century Free of Drugs and Vision from Banff.

Drug abuse is a problem to which none is immune and which can be effectively addressed only by nations acting in concert on a global scale. This is also a problem to which the youth of the world are particularly vulnerable and thus their concerns and perspectives should be of interest not only to governments but also to members of civil society.

I am glad that Bangladesh was able to participate actively in the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on Drugs. The Session afforded insights into the problem of drugs which would be most useful, particularly to those States where the problem is most acute. You can always count on our support in the fight against drug abuse.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sheikh Hasina

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