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Translation

*The President of
the Council of Ministers*



Rome, July 24, 1998

Mr. Secretary-General:

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 26, in which you kindly sent me the text of the "Young People's Charter for a 21st Century Free from Drugs."

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your expressions of appreciation to the Italian Government for its support of the United Nations on the occasion of the Special Session of the General Assembly dedicated to the fight against drugs.

I can assure you that in the context of a global strategy to respond to the drug phenomenon, Italy will continue to be fully committed to mobilizing and involving all the relevant components of civil society, namely the family, the school, and the media.

This is why the commitment of young people in the fight against drugs, especially in the field of prevention and information, is so fundamental, also in consideration of the fact that they are the primary victims of international drug trafficking.

As you know, the Italian Government is determined to use every available instrument to fight the drug trafficking phenomenon, and to follow up the actions adopted during the Special Session of the UN General Assembly dedicated to drugs.

I take this opportunity to wish you, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest esteem.

Romano Prodi

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