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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 57/165 of the General Assembly on Promoting Youth Employment, to paragraphs 10-12, 16 and 20 of resolution 58/133 of the General Assembly on Policies and programmes involving youth, and to Annex I of the Report of the Secretary-General on Promoting Youth Employment, A/58/229 (Guidance note for the preparation of national reviews and action plans on youth employment). The Guidance note is attached.

The resolutions encourage Member States to prepare national reviews and action plans on youth employment, either integrated into their national action plans on employment or issued as separate documents, to make full use of existing data and statistics and to involve young people and youth organizations in this process, taking into account, inter alia, the commitments made by Member States in this regard, in particular those included in the World Programme of Action, and, where such reviews and action plans exist, to submit them to the Secretariat by September 2004.

In this regard, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive His/Her Excellency's Government's national review and action plan on youth employment or, if not yet available, a progress report on His/Her Excellency's Government's activities and plans for its preparation. In the event that such a national review and action plan has already been submitted, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive an update on progress towards its implementation.

His/Her Excellency's Government's report on progress achieved towards the preparation and implementation of a national review and action plan on youth employment will form the basis for the global analysis and evaluation which the Youth Employment Network has been asked to prepare for the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

The Secretary-General would appreciate it if the Permanent Representative could communicate by 15 January 2005 his/her Government's response directly to Mr. Donald Lee, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, DC2-1358, Two United Nations Plaza, telephone: 212-963-8762, fax: 212-963-0111.

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Annex enclosed