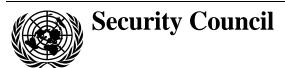
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## Letter dated 22 August 2003 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

Owing to the untimely and sad death of Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, I wish to inform you that I have, on an interim basis, appointed Mr. Ramiro Lopes da Silva to serve as my acting Special Representative for Iraq.

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan