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TO:  
A: HIS EXCELLENCY ABDUS SATTAR  
PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH  
DACCA, BANGLADESH

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MR. PRESIDENT,

I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH MY HORROR AND GRIEF AT THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAS ENGULFED BANGLADESH WITH THE VIOLENT DEATH OF PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN, ~~AND SOME OF THOSE WHO WERE ACCOMPANYING HIM.~~

I RECALL VIVIDLY MY RECENT VISIT TO BANGLADESH AND THE CONVERSATIONS I HAD WITH THE LATE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS HIS EARLIER VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH HAVE LOST A WISE RULER, AND THE WORLD AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN.

I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND THROUGH YOU TO THE WIDOW AND FAMILY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT MY PROFOUND CONDOLENCES IN THIS TRAGIC HOUR.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL EXPRESSES 'HORROR AND GRIEF'  
AT VIOLENT DEATH OF BANGLADESH PRESIDENT

The following message was sent today by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to Abdus Sattar, President of Bangladesh:

I wish to express to you and through you to the Government and people of Bangladesh my horror and grief at the tragedy which has engulfed Bangladesh with the violent death of President Ziaur Rahman.

I recall vividly my recent visit to Bangladesh and the conversations I had with the late President as well as his earlier visit to United Nations Headquarters. The Government and people of Bangladesh have lost a wise ruler, and the world an outstanding statesman.

I wish to express to you, Mr. President and through you to the widow and family of the late President my profound condolences in this tragic hour.

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