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Hyde Comments on Annan Farewell Speech

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In response to comments made today by outgoing Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan, U.S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-IL), Chairman of the House Committee on International Relations, issued the following remarks:

Unsaid by Mr. Annan was any acknowledgement about the rampant financial and moral mismanagement at the United Nations and the near-absence of standards of decency for the thuggish regimes that are too often empowered by its antiquated rules and procedures. The failure by Mr. Annan to accept any responsibility for a decade of UN scandals and, instead, to engage in a classic case of misdirection aimed at the United States, is both understandable and completely predictable. The failure to acknowledge the systemic management woes will accelerate that day when new ideas and new players fill the moral void left in the wake of two decades of UN corruption and misrule.

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