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Mr. KHALID SHUKRI
Under Secretary for
Literacy Affairs of
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Excellency,

As I am back in my own work, I want to thank you very deeply for the time you have given me and my compatriot, Mrs. Gomes.

We were deeply impressed by the efforts your country is making in the field of literacy and by your very clear explanation about the key-questions regarding such an intensive program.

The material you gave us, though in a language we unfortunately don't understand, is nevertheless a great help to grasp the basic steps of the methodology you are using. I have already shown it to different persons and everybody is, as we are, deeply impressed.

We do hope that a fruitful collaboration may emerge between our two countries and particularly between those who are in charge of the literacy programs.

In Portugal, a national plan for literacy and basic adult education has been approved by the Parliament and is now implemented by the Division of Adult Education. We hope that the concrete programming will be designed before July and that the working out of the plan will start in October this year.



Mrs. Gomes is member of the council set up by the Parliament to supervise the programming and the execution of the Plan. She is in a very good position to be the bridge between your services and the Portuguese services committed to the literacy programs. From my side, I will undertake all the efforts to make of this wonderful visit to your country an opportunity for more international cooperation among those who are seriously committed to the eradication of illiteracy.

Yours Sincerely,

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