PARAGRAPH 1: CLEAR, CONCISE STATEMENT OF ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2001, in two equal portions, to the United Nations (U.N.) and to its Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, for their work for a better organized and more peaceful world."

<u>PARAGRAPH 2: BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u> (just enough to provide a meaningful context for the announcement)

"For one hundred years, the Norwegian Nobel Committee has sought to strengthen organized cooperation between states. The end of the cold war has at last made it possible for the U.N. to perform more fully the part it was originally intended to play. Today the organization is at the forefront of efforts to achieve peace and security in the world, and of the international mobilization aimed at meeting the world's economic, social and environmental challenges."

PARAGRAPH 3: REASONS/EXAMPLES TO EXPLAIN DECISION/CHANGE INDICATED

"Kofi Annan has devoted almost his entire working life to the U.N. As Secretary-General, he has been pre-eminent in bringing ... become more than its members permit, he has made clear that sovereignty can not be a shield behind which member states conceal their violations."

PARAGRAPH 4: SUMMING UP/CONCLUDING STATEMENT

"The U.N. has in its history achieved many successes, and suffered many setbacks. Through this first Peace Prize to the U.N. as such, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes in its centenary year to proclaim that the only negotiable route to global peace and cooperation goes by way of the United Nations."

City, Date:

"Oslo, 12 October, 2001"