

[Dmitry Medvedev expresses his condolences to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres over the death of former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan](#)

The message reads, in part:

“The life’s journey of Kofi Annan became the epitome of a political and diplomatic career, which was crowned with the topmost international position of UN Secretary-General. As he headed the United Nations Secretariat, Kofi Annan infused the Organisation with new energy, to transform the UN and boost its ability to respond to contemporary challenges. His term in office will undoubtedly remain in the Organisation’s history as a time of great achievements and new opportunities. Kofi Annan spared no effort in pursuing the UN ideals and the principles and goals laid out in its Charter. He continued his work on settling crises and defending peace even after he left the post of UN Secretary-General.”