

DIE OBERBÜRGERMEISTERIN DER STADT BONN

Dear Ms. McSweeney, *dear Brenda,*

It is with great pleasure that I can announce today that the President of the Federal Republic of Germany has awarded you with the „Verdienstkreuz 1. Klasse des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“ in recognition of outstanding services rendered to our country and to the international community.

On behalf of the City of Bonn, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this order of merit, which recognizes your dedicated work and your great achievements not only for the United Nations, but also for our country and for Bonn as host city to the United Nations.

May I kindly ask you to inform me whether you will accept the award. Following your reply, my office will contact you to co-ordinate the formal presentation of this order of merit.

I would also ask you to inform me as to any reservations you may have against your personal data and the reasons for awarding this decoration being made available to the press.

Yours sincerely,

*B. Dieckmann*

(Bärbel Dieckmann)

31 July 2008