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Thank you for your fax of 19 October 1992 regarding the Habitat Awards for 1992.

I am pleased to inform you that the Woodless Construction Project in Niger received the Habitat Scroll of Honour Award on World Habitat Day, 5 October 1992. The award was presented by Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations in New York at a special ceremony held in the ECOSOC Chamber at United Nations Headquarters.

We sent telexes, copy attached, to Mr. Abdou Hassan, Minister of Housing, Government of Niger, and faxes, copy attached, to Mr. Aliou Diallo, UNDP Resident Representative in Niger, concerning the Award.

You will note the citation engraved on the plaque in the telex sent to the Minister for Housing mentioned above.

I am pleased to attach also a Press Release issued on 5 October 1992 concerning this year's Habitat Awards for your information.

Please, do not hesitate to write again if I can be of further assistance.

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5. **Earthquake Emergency Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Programme, Nepal**

For mobilizing the resources of a number of international and national agencies in a partnership with the people for the rebuilding and upgrading of shelter and related facilities, incorporating self-help, and the training of local artisans.

6. **Rural Housing Reconstruction with Appropriate Technologies, Ecuador**

For its integral incorporation of cultural values, including self-help construction and mutual help, with women's participation, and including training in appropriate building technologies.

7. **Namuwongo Upgrading and Low-cost Housing, Uganda**

For improving basic housing and related infrastructure and social facilities through participation of the community and mobilization of local resources.

8. **New Urban Communities in Egypt**

For implementing a programme of new communities in arid lands to counter balance existing overcrowded urban areas and to increase opportunities for the national economy, while preserving fertile agricultural land.

9. **World Relief El Salvador Housing Reconstruction Project, El Salvador**

For promoting earthquake-resistant construction and community health and well-being at the grass-roots level among victims of natural disasters through self-help efforts and measures to alleviate poverty for a better future for the families involved.

10. **Woodless Construction Project, Niger**

For promoting woodless building techniques based on earth vault and domed roof construction and undertaking training programmes thus serving as a model for sub-Saharan countries lacking wood resources.

11. **Mr. Laurie Baker**

For his lifelong efforts while working in India as an architect, master craftsman, promoter of cost-effective aesthetic housing and in identifying innovative features of traditional building practices which could be easily adopted by local artisans.

12. **Mr. Yona Friedman**

For his lifelong search for innovative solutions to human settlements problems and his efforts to communicate scientific knowledge of building and construction techniques to the poor and deprived groups of developing societies.