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## **Congressman Garrett says Volcker report on Annan must be catalyst for new leadership at United Nations**

WASHINGTON – Congressman Scott Garrett (NJ-05) said a report issued today by an independent investigative committee clearing United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan of conflicts of interest, but criticizing his oversight of the now-defunct oil-for-food program in Iraq, gives more weight to calls for Annan’s resignation.

“The report issued today reiterates that Kofi Annan has grossly mismanaged a multi-billion dollar agency that is supposed to provide relief around the world. Far from exonerating Annan, the report raises even more questions about waste and abuse at the UN.

“Countries around the world should be outraged that the money they contribute to this aid organization has been wasted and mismanaged. In the real world, a CEO with conflicts of interest who mismanaged and lost billions of dollars and violated the trust of investors would be fired. When will the world say ‘enough is enough’ and ask for new management?

“Annan is right to have called for reform at the United Nations, but his track record of failed leadership shows he cannot achieve these reforms. The report issued today must be a catalyst to bring new leadership and real reform to the UN.”

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