



*United Nations Mission in Liberia*



**Jordan D. Ryan**  
Deputy Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General  
for Recovery and Governance

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on 28 December 2005, appointed Jordan Ryan of the United States as his Deputy Special Representative for Recovery and Governance for Liberia, effective 1 January 2006.

Mr. Ryan, who also serves as the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Liberia, has had a long and distinguished career with the United Nations. He was most recently the United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in Viet Nam. Prior to that appointment, Mr. Ryan served as the Director of the Office of the Administrator, UNDP in New York from 1997 to 2001.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Ryan held the positions of UNDP Deputy Resident Representative and Senior Assistant Resident Representative in Viet Nam. He was also the UNDP Assistant Resident Representative in China. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Ryan worked as an attorney in New York and California and an international legal consultant in Asia and in the Middle East.

Mr. Ryan holds an M.A. in international affairs from Columbia University, a J.D. from the National Law Center at George Washington University, and a B.A. in anthropology from Yale University. He was a visiting fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2001.