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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR
IN LAO PDR

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The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Lao PDR presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General in New York and has the honor to transmit the enclosed letters of invitation from His Excellency Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of Lao PDR, addressed to His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General, to attend the ASEAN-UN Summit on 7 September and the Opening Session of the 11th East Asia Summit on 8 September 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR; and the letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposing an official launching and signing ceremony of Lao PDR-specific SDG 18 on UXO. SDG 18 expressly aims to secure a future safe from UXO. It will succeed the Lao PDR-specific MDG 9, which sought to reduce the impact of UXO.

It would be highly appreciated if the said letters could be forwarded to its high destination in due course.

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Lao PDR avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General in New York the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vientiane, 20 July 2016 

The Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General
New York





Lao People's Democratic Republic
Peace Independence Democracy Unity Prosperity

PRIME MINISTER

Vientiane, 18 July 2016

Your Excellency,

As Your Excellency would be aware, the Lao PDR will be hosting the 28th and 29th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits on 6-8 September 2016 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. In this respect, I have the honour to extend my cordial invitation to Your Excellency to attend the 8th ASEAN-UN Summit on 7 September and the Opening Session of the 11th East Asia Summit on 8 September 2016.

Indeed, my wife and I will be very pleased to welcome Your Excellency and Madame Ban Soon-taek to Vientiane, and I look forward to working closely with Your Excellency for the success of our meetings.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my good wishes for your personal health and greater success in your noble task.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Thongloun SISOULITH

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General of the United Nations

New York



LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General in New York and has the honor to refer to the conclusion of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Lao PDR specific MDG 9 on the reduction of unexploded ordinance (UXO) impacts of the Lao PDR as well as the implementation of the newly adopted 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has discussed with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Vientiane on the localization of SDGs at the national level, including the formalization of the Lao PDR specific SDG 18 on the reduction of UXO impacts, based on the previous practice of MDG 9, in order to maintain the momentum of the implementation of our concerted efforts in addressing UXO impacts in the context of SDGs implementation in the country. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to propose an official launching and signing ceremony of the Lao PDR specific SDG 18 on the reduction of UXO impacts between the Lao government and the United Nations together with development partners, in the presence of His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General during his visit to the Lao PDR to participate in the upcoming ASEAN-UN Summit in early September 2016.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs believes that organizing such event will be of great significance to demonstrate the continued commitment of the international community to supporting the Government of the Lao PDR in addressing the issue of UXO impacts, and thus contributing to sustainable development of the country. More details of the proposed formalization of SDG 18 and the ceremony could be further discussed in due course.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General in New York the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vientiane, July 18th 2016



Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General
New York

Cc: Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator
Vientiane