



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 October 2009

Dear Mrs. Mubarak,

I wish to acknowledge your kind letter of 15 August 2009 and reiterate my own deep appreciation for having been invited to participate at the first Summit for the First Ladies of the Non-Aligned Movement which took place on 15 and 16 July 2009 in Sharm El Sheikh.

I am also grateful for the very informative update you provided me in respect of the work and initiatives being carried out by First Ladies within the movement to promote the empowerment of women, human development and the importance of the role of women in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Such work is vital in helping us achieve our common goal of creating a just, peaceful and equitable society for all of humanity.

I am particularly pleased that your group is focusing on the provisions of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. I believe that this resolution was a milestone in the Security Council's approach to the question. In this regard, I am pleased with the Council's role in consistently reviewing progress towards the implementation of this landmark resolution.

I have been heartened by recent positive developments on the question of women, peace and security, including Security Council resolutions 1889 and 1888, which both build on resolutions 1325 and 1820, respectively. The challenge is now to harmonize and consolidate our efforts.

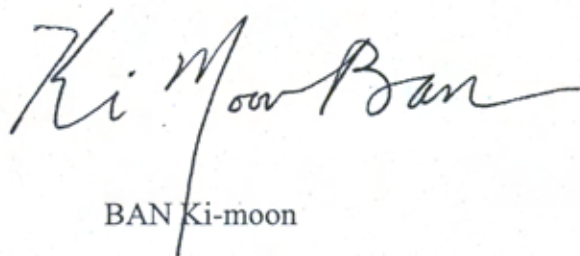
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I am committed to the full implementation of these important texts on women, peace and security. I will continue to do my part, including by appointing more women to positions of leadership and convening a high-level meeting to review the implementation of resolution 1325 in 2010.

As we approach next year's tenth anniversary of resolution 1325 and the review of its implementation, I encourage the Women International Peace Movement to play a lead role in promoting knowledge and in advancing the implementation of resolution 1325.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

BAN Ki-moon