



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 September 2011

Dear Commissioner Negus,

I would like to express my appreciation for the reception and hospitality extended to me and my delegation during our recent visit to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) International Deployment Group (IDG) Facility near Canberra. I was very impressed with the Facility, including the mock Pacific village and the training exercise the AFP and its cadres put on during our visit.

The United Nations has a proud history of association with the AFP including its IDG since 2004 in international peacekeeping, policing, and capacity-building. In the past, Australian police helped restore order and hope in Haiti, Mozambique, Thailand, Namibia, South Africa and Somalia. Currently, whether it is in Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, Cyprus or Solomon Islands, your police officers and those you have trained are not only working to provide security but are also rebuilding trust and relationships.

I also commend the fact that a significant percentage of the AFP consists of female officers. The United Nations is committed to following this excellent example. Our target is for women to make up 20 per cent of our police capacity by 2014. With your help, and that of other contributors, I am sure we will attain this goal.

In closing, I wish to thank you for the thoughtful gifts given to me and my wife. They will serve as wonderful mementos of our visit to Australia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being the most prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Tony Negus
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Canberra