



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Resident Coordinator,

This year is proving to be a period of great challenges for development in general and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in particular. As the global financial crisis deepens and world economic growth slows, we are already seeing the impact on the world's poorest and most vulnerable. We know that the current economic climate threatens to undo and possibly even reverse gains that have been made towards achieving the MDGs.

With just six years left to the 2015 deadline for the achievement of the Goals, we cannot afford to let this happen. I have made the achievement of the MDGs one of my top priorities since assuming the office of Secretary-General. I have stressed that we must do everything we can to ensure that the commitments made to the MDGs – in both rich and poor countries alike – are reinforced and that concrete plans to deliver on these commitments are urgently implemented. The UN system has a key role to play in ensuring that the Goals remain high on the global political and public agenda.

The annual *Stand Up, Take Action Against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals* initiative of the United Nations Millennium Campaign has proven to be a powerful and effective tool for doing so. Last year more than 116 million people – almost two per cent of the world's population – took part in this initiative with active support from the UN system as a whole.

This year the Stand Up mobilization will take place over three days, from 16 to 18 October 2009. The UN Millennium Campaign will once again join forces with a wide range of partners, within and outside the United Nations, to significantly strengthen participation and translate the Goals into tangible benefits for poor people. This initiative offers the UN system a unique and dynamic platform for engagement in support of the MDGs at this crucial and challenging time.

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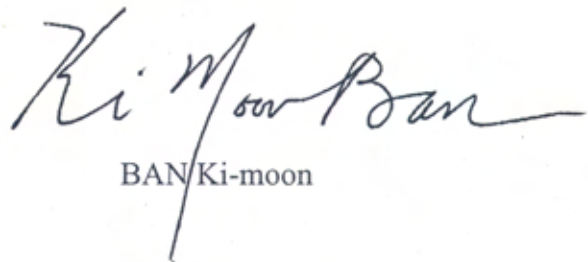
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I would like to voice my full support for this innovative initiative. I strongly urge the entire UN system to take part in Stand Up (www.standagainstpoverity.org) this year. I ask you, as Resident Coordinator, to mobilize your UN Country Team to support and engage in this year's Stand Up events. From the Philippines to Egypt, from Indonesia to Kenya, the active support of UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams proved to be a key element in motivating countries to participate in Stand Up in 2008. Consequently, the MDGs and related development issues received a high level of exposure in the global and national media. In many instances, this visibility has also translated into concrete policy and programme results.

I trust that the UNCT, under your leadership, will contribute to making the 2009 Stand Up mobilization bigger and of greater impact than last year. Please feel free to contact Mr. Salil Shetty, Director of the Millennium Campaign (salil.shetty@undp.org), if you would like further information.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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".

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Please find enclosed two draft letters for the Secretary-General's signature, as proposed by the United Nations Millennium Campaign and supported by the Department of Public Information. OUSG/DPI (3.2912) would appreciate receiving notification of an e-mail address to which the WORD versions of the draft letters can be sent.

Thank you.

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