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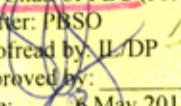
I would be grateful if you would, in your capacity as Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission, convey my decision to the members of the Commission.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
BAN/Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Ranko Viločić  
Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission  
New York

**2 letters**

SG to PR of Papua New Guinea and  
to Chair of PBC (PR of Croatia)  
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His Excellency  
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Permanent Representative of the  
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to the United Nations  
New York