



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

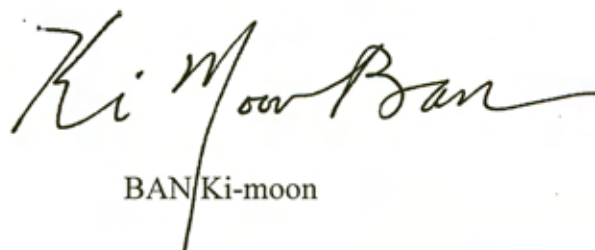
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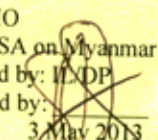
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 May 2013 in which you conveyed your assessment of the ongoing discussions between the Kachin Independence Organization and the Myanmar Government Peace Working Committee negotiators on the stabilization of the military situation and on your efforts to achieve a political settlement that would bring lasting peace to Kachin. I write to note my support and encouragement to these efforts and to state that the United Nations remains prepared to assist the efforts in every feasible manner.

In this connection, I am happy to note that my Special Adviser, Mr. Vijay Nambiar, has been in continuous touch with both sides and has indicated to you the specific ways in which the United Nations can help the process you are engaged in, as well as provide the two parties the necessary assurances that may help move the process forward. I wish to affirm to you that his statements and actions proceed under my authority and have my full backing.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

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