



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

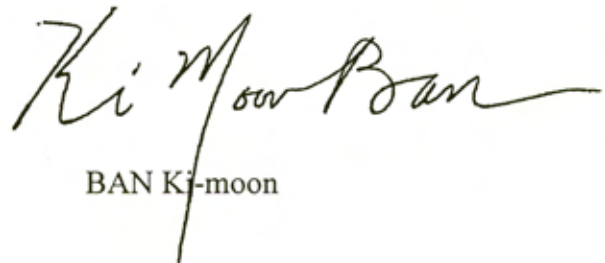
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Excellency,

I should like to convey to you my most sincere congratulations on signing the Special Agreement between the Governments of Belize and the Republic of Guatemala to submit the territorial, insular and maritime dispute to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

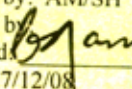
The signing of the Special Agreement is instrumental to the final resolution of this complex dispute and a testament to the commitment of your Government to the consolidation of peace and security in Central America. I wish to encourage you to continue the dialogue among all political parties and the people of Belize to promote a definitive resolution of the dispute. Allow me to extend the support of the United Nations, as well as my own personal commitment, in this important endeavour.

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



BAN Ki-moon

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