

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

8 January 2014

Dear President Obama,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your letter of 5 December 2013 with regard to the third Nuclear Security Summit. I believe that The Hague Summit presents us with an opportunity to build upon the successful outcomes of the 2010 Washington and 2012 Seoul Summits and to further advance individual and collective efforts to improve the security of nuclear and radiological materials globally, to prevent nuclear smuggling and to counter nuclear terrorism.

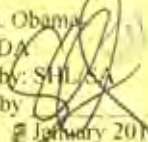
Please be assured that the United Nations will continue to generate political support for nuclear security in all its aspects, particularly in promoting the ratification of international conventions and protocols against terrorism, including through the implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, as well as the work undertaken to fully implement United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions.

Your leadership has been instrumental in strengthening relevant measures at the national, regional and global level and promoting nuclear security. I look forward to working closely with you and other world leaders at The Hague Summit this year to ensure that our efforts reach a successful conclusion and continue to contribute to strengthening global nuclear security.

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

*With deepest admiration for your
global leadership,*
Kim Ban
BAN Ki-moon

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