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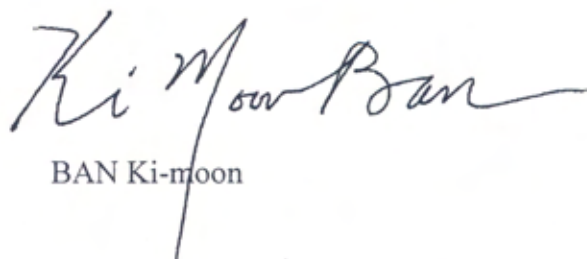
Excellency,

It was with deep sorrow that I learned of the passing on 19 August of His Excellency Mr. Levy Patrick Mwanawasa, President of the Republic of Zambia and Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community.

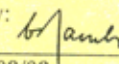
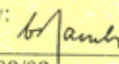
As Vice-President and later President, Mr. Mwanawasa was at the forefront of Zambian politics at a time of exceptional challenge and change in your country, and in the southern African region as a whole. He will be remembered for his modesty and integrity, as well as for his fight against corruption and his economic policies. I greatly valued my interaction with him on various topics pertaining to the southern African region.

On behalf of the United Nations, I wish to express my deep condolences to you, to the family of Mr. Mwanawasa and to the people of Zambia.

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


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