



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

18 September 2015

Excellency,

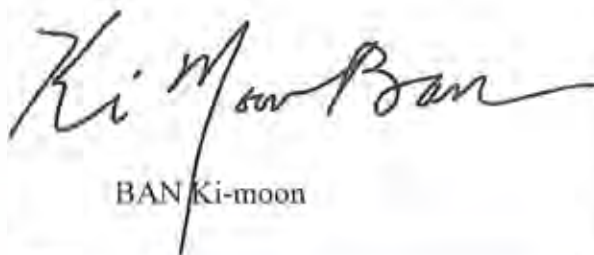
I would like to thank you for your letter dated 2 September 2015, inviting me to the South-South Awards gala event, to be held in New York on 26 September 2015.

I regret to inform **you** that I will be unable to attend the event, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands on my schedule on the said date. However, in view of its importance, I have designated Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, to represent me at this meeting and deliver a message to participants on my behalf. The office of Ms. Gallach will be in contact with your office to discuss the details of her participation.

A similar response has been sent to His Excellency Mr. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, who co-signed the invitation.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Francis Lorenzo  
President  
South-South Awards  
New York

Letter to Francis Lorenzo  
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