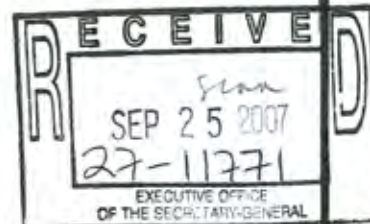


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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 September 2007

Dear Secretary General

We have all been watching with concern the unfolding human tragedy in Burma, which requires immediate international attention. The widespread and growing popular demonstrations, led by Buddhist Monks, are unprecedented. They illustrate the failure of the Burmese regime to promote a genuine process of political reconciliation.

It is vital that the Burmese authorities exercise restraint in the face of the demonstrations, and seize the opportunity to launch a process of real political reforms. It is disturbing that they are now threatening to use force against the demonstrators. Violent suppression of the demonstrations would be a tragedy and another missed opportunity for Burma.

We need concerted international action, including in the UN to discourage violence. We need to stand together. I would support the idea of your calling on the Burmese Government to receive a visit by your Special Envoy, Ibrahim Gambari, as soon as possible. I am also happy to support any efforts you make to encourage further discussion in the Security Council, and to encourage key regional countries to urge the Burmese Government to pursue reconciliation.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Brown

Mr Ban Ki Moon

