

Through the
Mo info

UK



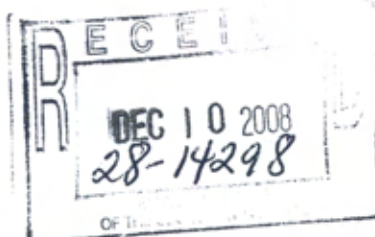
ACTION
COPY

Mr. Sha
DSC

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 December 2008



Dear Secretary General

Thank you for your letter of 12 November about the G20 meeting in Washington on the global financial crisis. I agree that it was an excellent opportunity to revisit and reconfirm the various commitments to the developing world made by G20 countries. I believe we began to substantively address many of the issues you laid out.

Ensuring that the world's most vulnerable do not suffer disproportionately during this global downturn remains one of my top priorities. In reaffirming the importance of the Millennium Development Goals and the development assistance commitments the G20 demonstrated that we remain united in solidarity towards the poorest. I hope that at the Doha Financing for Development Conference all donors will reaffirm their commitments.

The G20 meeting also recognised that solutions to the global financial crisis cannot, as you note, all be found in the financial sector. G20 commitment to work towards a successful conclusion to the WTO's Doha Development Agenda is a positive step and we must continue to push for agreement on modalities in 2008. We must remain committed to helping emerging and developing economies gain access to finance, to ensuring that the IMF and the World Bank have sufficient resources to continue their work in helping nations weather the crisis, to rejecting protectionism and to refraining from raising new barriers to trade and investment. Work in all these areas must continue in order to secure a prosperous future for those who face grave difficulties today.

I welcome your participation in the G20 process as a voice for all UN Member States. I look forward to working with you as we take forward our plans for hosting the next summit in April 2009, including on outreach to developing countries.

JAN 13 2009

Finally, I share your concern that climate change should not slip off the international political agenda because of the present economic difficulties. The UK's commitment to the transition to a low carbon economy is demonstrated by our proposal to reduce emissions by 2050. We will continue to urge other members of the G20 to give the highest priority to ensuring a low carbon future for the global economy, and in particular a global deal at Copenhagen in 2009.

Yours sincerely

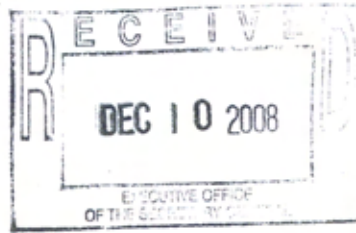
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Gordon', followed by a horizontal line.

Mr Ban Ki-moon

From Sir John Sawers

10 December 2008

HE Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations
New York



United Kingdom Mission
to the United Nations
New York
One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
(885 Second Avenue)
New York, NY 10017

Mailing Address:
PO Box 5238
New York, NY 10150-5238
Tel: 00 1 212 745 9360
Fax: 001 212 745 9316

FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour of transmitting the enclosed letter to you from the Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, UK Prime Minister regarding the global financial crisis. The original of this letter will follow shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

John Sawers



10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA



THE PRIME MINISTER

9 December 2008

Dear Secretary General

Thank you for your letter of 12 November about the G20 meeting in Washington on the global financial crisis. I agree that it was an excellent opportunity to revisit and reconfirm the various commitments to the developing world made by G20 countries. I believe we began to substantively address many of the issues you laid out.

Ensuring that the world's most vulnerable do not suffer disproportionately during this global downturn remains one of my top priorities. In reaffirming the importance of the Millennium Development Goals and the development assistance commitments the G20 demonstrated that we remain united in solidarity towards the poorest. I hope that at the Doha Financing for Development Conference all donors will reaffirm their commitments.

The G20 meeting also recognised that solutions to the global financial crisis cannot, as you note, all be found in the financial sector. G20 commitment to work towards a successful conclusion to the WTO's Doha Development Agenda is a positive step and we must continue to push for agreement on modalities in 2008. We must remain committed to helping emerging and developing economies gain access to finance, to ensuring that the IMF and the World Bank have sufficient resources to continue their work in helping nations weather the crisis, to rejecting protectionism and to refraining from raising new barriers to trade and investment. Work in all these areas must continue in order to secure a prosperous future for those who face grave difficulties today.

I welcome your participation in the G20 process as a voice for all UN Member States. I look forward to working with you as we take forward our plans for hosting the next summit in April 2009, including on outreach to developing countries.

Finally, I share your concern that climate change should not slip off the international political agenda because of the present economic difficulties. The UK's commitment to the transition to a low carbon economy is demonstrated by our proposal to reduce emissions by 2050. We will continue to urge other members of the G20 to give the highest priority to ensuring a low carbon future for the global economy, and in particular a global deal at Copenhagen in 2009.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Ban Ki-moon