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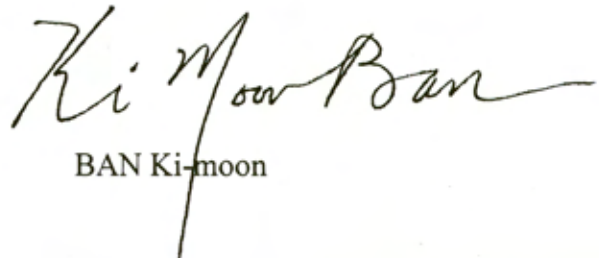
Your Highness,

I have the honour to thank you for the generous support of your Government to the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) since its inception. Qatar has been one of the most steadfast supporters of UNDEF through its exceptional financial contributions. Your voice on the Fund's Advisory Board has also provided constructive engagement in the focus and direction of the Fund.

UNDEF launched its Third Round of Funding earlier this month. To date, it has funded some 170 projects around the world, including 20 in the Arab region. These projects range from promoting the role of women in transitional justice in Morocco, strengthening judicial institutions in Iraq, to capacity-building programmes for parliamentary candidates in Bahrain. In addition, the Fund is strengthening civil society leadership in the region. I hope that Qatar will consider continuing its strong support to allow UNDEF to effectively carry out its valuable work.

Let me take this opportunity to extend to Your Highness my most sincere appreciation for the leadership role Qatar is playing in the promotion of international peace, security and partnership for development.

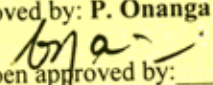
Please accept, Your Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

His Highness
Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani
Amir of the State of Qatar
Doha

SG's letter to Amir of Qatar

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