



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

5 April 2010

Dear Dr. Saban,

I am writing to ask you to become the champion for global health through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), a public-private partnership that finances the fight against these diseases. I am inviting select private sector leaders to dinner on 22 April 2010 in New York to discuss this initiative, and hope you will be able to join us.

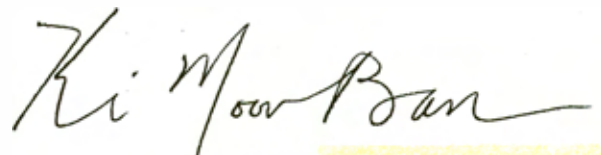
The special occasion will celebrate innovative achievements that help tackle some of humanity's great scourges through the Global Fund. Since its founding in 2002, the Global Fund-supported programs have already saved an estimated 4.9 million lives. This year, I am acting as Chair of the Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund, working with private and public donors to ensure that resources will continue to flow to programs to fight these diseases, which together take more than four million lives annually.

In recognition of the tremendous difference you and your family are making everyday around the plight of women and children, we would like to invite you to join a special Mothers-for-Children initiative which aims to leverage support to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV by 2015.

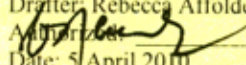
In 2008, around 430,000 children were infected with HIV, most of them through mother-to-child transmission. A vast majority of these infections occurred in Africa, where AIDS is beginning to reverse decades of steady progress in child survival. Mother-to-child transmission has been virtually eliminated in high-income countries and similar interventions in the developing world have the potential to save tens of thousands of children every year. This progress is possible.

It is my hope that you will consider meeting with the Global Fund leadership about this special initiative and that you will be able to join us for dinner in New York to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,


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