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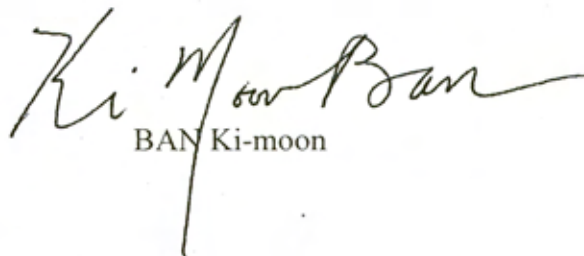
Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 13 October 2010, inviting me to attend the fifth edition of European Development Days, to be held in Brussels on 6 and 7 December 2010.

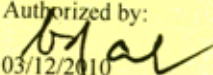
I wish I could attend this important event but regret that I will be unable to do so due to prior commitments.

However, given the close cooperation between the United Nations and the European Union on a range of complex global challenges, such as Food Security and the Millennium Development Goals, to name only a few, many of which will be addressed at this annual policy forum, I have asked Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to represent me at the event. I have also decided to send a written message to its participants. Allow me to take this opportunity to express my best wishes for a successful event. I very much hope that I will be able to attend this important annual policy forum in the future.

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


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His Excellency
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President of the European Commission
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