

20 September 2013

Excellency,

I would like to reiterate my sincere appreciation for your kind invitation to participate in the G20 Summit on 5 and 6 September 2013, in Saint Petersburg.

Under your leadership, the Summit was a great success, marked by the unanimous endorsement of the G20 Leaders' Declaration. The G20 Leaders have shown renewed commitment and identified concrete steps forward to promote sustainable growth and job creation. I hope that the bold decisions and action plans adopted in Saint Petersburg will be carried forward in Brisbane next year, during the Australian Presidency of the G20. The United Nations is ready to strengthen its collaboration with the G20 over the coming years.

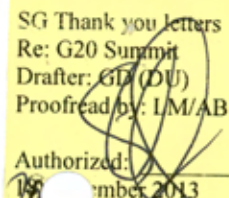
Thank you for the opportunity to open the discussion on the situation in Syria and deliver a statement on Sustainable Development for All during the G20 Leaders' dinner on 5 September 2013 at the Grand Peterhof Palace.

I am grateful to you and the Government of the Russian Federation for the hospitality and support to the United Nations before and during the G20 Summit. My delegation also greatly appreciated the assistance of all the staff who helped us throughout our time in Saint Petersburg.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Vladimir V. Putin
President of the Russian Federation
Moscow

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your personal support in facilitating the travel and presence of the United Nations and the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, in the margins of the G20 Summit on 5 and 6 September 2013, in Saint Petersburg.

As you are well aware, the presence of Mr. Brahimi in Saint Petersburg was welcomed by all and considered extremely valuable. I am grateful for the exemplary assistance provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in ensuring that Mr. Brahimi was able to attend important meetings with me.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the assistance of your Ministry in facilitating the participation of Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as a member of my delegation.

I would be most obliged if you would kindly convey the warmest appreciation of my delegation to all the staff who helped us throughout our time in Saint Petersburg.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
Moscow



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 September 2013

Dear Ms. Clark,

I would like to thank you for the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in facilitating my visit to the Russian Federation from 3 to 7 September 2013. Please convey my sincere appreciation to your staff in Moscow, particularly Ms. Arina Flyugova who provided invaluable support for several months and throughout our time in Saint Petersburg.

Let me also take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your continued personal engagement as United Nations representative in the G20 Finance Ministers track, and for the work of your staff in coordinating our representation in the G20 Development Working Group.

The G20 Summit in Saint Petersburg had positive outcomes. The G20 Leaders have unanimously endorsed the Saint Petersburg Declaration. I hope that the bold decisions and action plans adopted in Saint Petersburg will be carried forward in Brisbane next year, during the Australian Presidency of the G20.

In my interactions with G20 Leaders, I have reiterated that the United Nations is ready to strengthen its collaboration with the G20 over the coming years. The forthcoming G20 Presidencies of Australia in 2014 and Turkey in 2015 should set important milestones for the cooperation between the G20 and the United Nations, notably within the framework of the preparations for a new global development agenda beyond 2015. I look forward to the continuous support and engagement of UNDP in the G20 processes.

Yours sincerely,



BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Helen Clark
Administrator
United Nations Development Programme
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 September 2013

Dear Professor Kropachev,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to visit Saint Petersburg State University on 4 September 2013.

It was a great pleasure to meet with you and the staff of the University. I would also like to thank you for the opportunity to share my views with the University through my speech on "The United Nations: Youth and Education". I thoroughly enjoyed the exchanges with the students, notably their directness and relevant questions on the United Nations and the challenges of our world.

I am grateful for your thoughtful gifts which will be a valuable addition to my collection. Please extend my sincere thanks to your colleagues for their warm welcome and their assistance in arranging the visit.

I look forward to the continued collaboration of the United Nations with Saint Petersburg State University.

Yours sincerely,



BAN Ki-moon

Professor Nikolay M. Kropachev
Rector
Saint Petersburg State University
Saint Petersburg

**Note to the Chef de Cabinet
(through the Deputy Secretary-General)**

Thank you letters from the Secretary-General following the G20 Summit
in St. Petersburg

1. Please find enclosed, for your consideration and approval, thank you letters from the Secretary-General regarding his participation in the G20 Summit in St. Petersburg from 3 to 7 September 2013.
2. The letters are addressed to the following recipients:

Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation
Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme
Mr. Nikolai M. Kropachev, Rector, State University President, St. Petersburg



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