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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Secretary-General

As you prepare to step down from the role of United Nations Secretary-General, I want to express my sincere appreciation - and that of Her Majesty's Government - for your decade of service to the UN and the seven billion people that it serves.

Your term in office has been marked by an ever-evolving series of global challenges, including the rise of violent extremism, conflict between - and within - member states, and global warming. Despite these turbulent times, your personal commitment and leadership has helped navigate the UN's way forward with great skill, patience and determination.

You leave a proud legacy. You have helped bring the world together to fight climate change through the Paris Agreements. You have brought human rights to the forefront of the UN's work, and have tirelessly championed the rights of women and the poor: the Sustainable Development Goals set a clear path towards eradicating global poverty and hunger.

Both I and my predecessors have counted you as an advocate for shared values, an ally, and a friend of the United Kingdom. It has not been an easy job at times, but you have carried it out with dignity and resolve. I extend my very best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely
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His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon

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Dear Secretary-General

I attach a letter from Prime Minister Theresa May which she asked me to pass to you before your departure from New York.

I wanted to add my personal thanks to you for all that you have done during your time as Secretary-General. I and my predecessors have valued your continued support to the UK, and to the UK Mission to the United Nations in New York. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.

With my very best wishes

Matthew Rycroft