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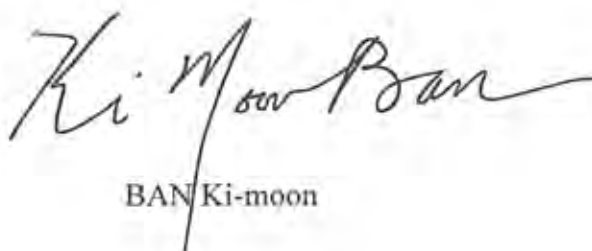
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Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 26 February 2014 in which you suggest a meeting of experts to explore issues regarding approaches to the phenomenon of gangs.

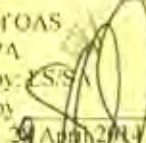
The issue of gang violence is one that the United Nations has been following closely in the Central American region, particularly in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. In line with the long-standing practice of the United Nations of cooperation with regional organizations, the United Nations would be pleased to explore with you the proposal to hold a meeting to study issues relating to violence by non-state actors. As a next step, the Department of Political Affairs will be in contact with the Organization of American States Secretary of Multidimensional Security in order to determine a way forward.

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



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