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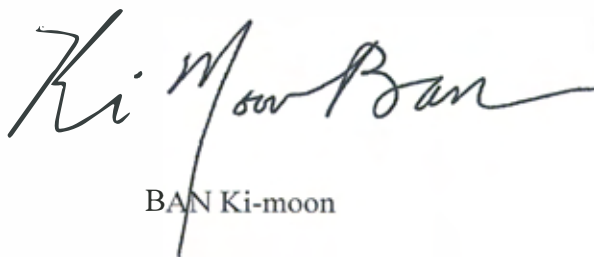
Dear President Bach,

I write to thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2014, and the three framed photographs taken during my visit to Sochi on the occasion of the opening of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in February 2014. I was touched by your thoughtful gesture in sending these photographs, which will help preserve the fond memories of my participation in this memorable event.

Furthermore, I would like to thank you for inviting me to visit Lausanne. I will take your kind invitation into consideration on my future trips to Switzerland.

Allow me to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation for your personal unwavering commitment, and that of the International Olympic Committee, to the values and goals of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

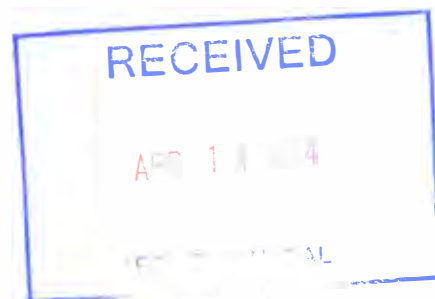


BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable Thomas Bach
President
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The President

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w/ three framed photographs
of SG in Sochi
→ seen by SG
[frames kept by FO]

HE Mr Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary General
United Nations Organisation (UN)
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JO RM

Sochi, 18 February 2014
Ref. No. 2014/THB/sls
By mail and e-mail

SG wishes to
thank the

IOC President
for me 3 pictures
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keep in mind
his invitation to
visit Lausanne
as
SG's
schedule
develops.

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Dear Secretary General,

✓ Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us for a few memorable days during the lead-up to the opening of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.

Your inspirational address at the 126th IOC Session was both very much appreciated by all IOC members, and well received by the media. We were also deeply honoured that, together with me, you took part in the Olympic Torch relay, and that you graced us with your presence at the Opening Ceremony.

Thank you,
JA
21/03/14

✓ All of this and, in particular, your presence and contribution at the IOC Session, underscores the strong bond that exists between our two organizations. I believe that this bond is stronger than ever due in large part to mutual respect, common goals and an understanding that, as you so eloquently stated, "Olympic principles are United Nations principles."

May I take this opportunity to reiterate my invitation to you to visit Lausanne in order to strengthen this relationship with the goal to building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal.

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With my best wishes, please accept, Secretary General, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration and personal esteem.

Yours sincerely

Thomas A. L.