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29 September 2014

Excellency,

The United Nations Climate Change Summit 2014 held in New York last week was, most certainly, a resounding success. It afforded Seychelles with yet another opportunity to project and affirm our leadership in the advocacy of the cause of Small Island Developing States, and in issues concerning the environment in general.

I wish to thank you for most sincerely for having invited me to participate in this Summit. It came at a most opportune time, providing us with ample opportunity to examine the many developmental challenges and constraints that we, as Small Island Developing States, are facing. The Summit was a historic milestone and one that strengthened the focus on the pressing challenges the world faces today, especially in relation to climate change. I am hopeful that the discussions and recommendations emanating from it will guarantee the effective results to which we all aspire in Paris next year.

It was a pleasure meeting with you in New York and exchanging views with you on a wide range of issues of mutual interest. In expressing to you my deep appreciation for your leadership of the United Nations Organisation and for your unequivocal commitment to Small Island Developing States, I wish to express my deep gratitude to you and to your Secretariat for the invaluable assistance you have provided to our delegation, and to me personally, for our participation in United Nations Climate Change Summit 2014 and the 69th session of the UNGA.

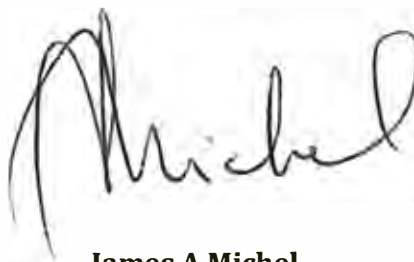
May I, in concluding, renew my invitation to you to visit Seychelles at a mutually convenient time. Your visit will, I am sure, provide you with the opportunity to assess *in situ* the achievements and challenges of a small island state in the Indian Ocean as well as providing us with the opportunity of deepening and extending our cooperation.



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I look forward to welcoming you to Victoria. Meanwhile, I wish to reassure you of my full support in the onerous tasks and responsibilities which are yours.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michel", with a stylized, flowing script.

James A Michel

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chef de Cabinet, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honour to request the latter to kindly transmit the enclosed *original* letter dated 29th September 2014, from H.E. Mr. James Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chef de Cabinet, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 10 October 2014

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