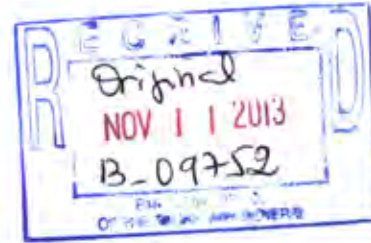


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H. E. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Your Excellency,

It was a great pleasure seeing you in New York on September 25th. I would like to thank you, Bob Orr and your colleagues for the excellent cooperation we have had.

As we discussed, the UAE is delighted to be hosting the Ministerial meeting in Abu Dhabi in May to lay the groundwork for the Leaders' Summit in New York. We are fully committed to the success of this important initiative.

In particular, we want to ensure that the Abu Dhabi meeting is innovative in its structure and content, in a way that generates new ideas and a genuine sense of positive momentum that will feed success in New York. I have instructed my team to work closely with yours to this end.

For the UAE it will be important not only to ensure success in Abu Dhabi but to ensure a unique and visible role in New York. Again I have asked my team to explore options, but your suggestions would be very welcome.

Finally, we discussed the best way to make a joint announcement about the process and about the Abu Dhabi event. I want to ensure that we can make a substantive announcement that will generate real attention and enthusiasm. At the same time there is a clear need to make governments aware as soon as we can.

If your schedule permits, I propose that I visit New York in the next few weeks for us to make a joint announcement. We can develop an appropriate communications' platform to maximize the impact of this announcement. In the meantime our teams can work together to ensure that our announcement can be substantively rich, with details about the process for the coming year and of the proposed content of the Abu Dhabi meeting.

I look forward to meeting with you again soon.

Warm regards,

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber
Minister of State

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The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith a letter from H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of State, to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

11 November 2013



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