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28 December 2007

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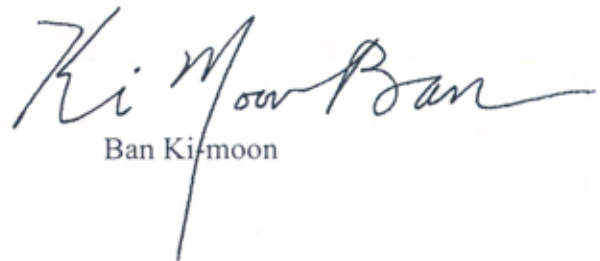
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In this context, I reiterate my call on all to abide by international humanitarian law and the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

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


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Amre Moussa
Secretary-General of the League of Arab States
Cairo



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban".
Ban Ki-moon

His Royal Highness
Prince Saud Al-Faisal
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Riyadh

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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


Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Fawzi Bin Abdul Majeed Shobokshi
Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia
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His Excellency
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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature letters addressed to H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, SG of the LAS, HRH. Prince Al-Faisal, FM of Saudi Arabia, concerning settlement activity in the West Bank.


Nicholas Haysom
28 December 2007

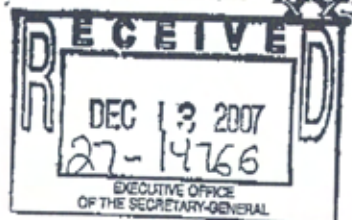
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13 December 2007

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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a cable message from H.R.H. Prince Saud Al Faisal, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Chairman of the Arab League Committee Of The Arab Peace Initiative.

I would appreciate if you could forward it to His Excellency, the Foreign Minister.

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



Abdullatif H. Sallam
Chargé d'Affaires

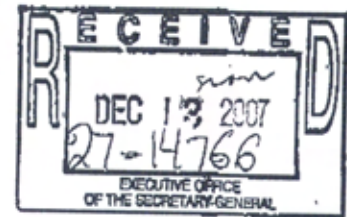
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The Hon. Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary General

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Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my deep concern and shock over Israeli plans to build new settlements on occupied Palestinian territories near Jerusalem. These illegal plans were announced less than one week after the Annapolis Conference. They are clearly in direct violation of international legitimacy and of the Road Map. In fact, such actions seriously endanger our joint and sincere efforts to revitalize the peace process, and render final status negotiations almost meaningless.

It is clear that our collective desire to have a successful process after Annapolis requires a collective firm stand to reverse this Israeli decision. Any hesitancy or delay on this matter will represent the greatest threat to the window of opportunity created in Annapolis. Only extremists and enemies of peace will benefit from our failure to take all necessary steps to reverse this latest Israeli violation.

Sincerely,

Saud Al Faisal

Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia
Chairman of the Arab League Committee
Of The Arab Peace Initiative

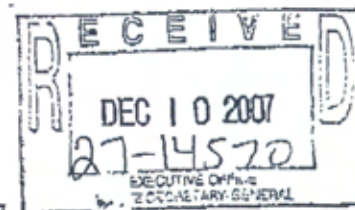
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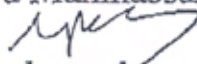


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December 10, 2007

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward a letter dated December 9, 2007 addressed to you by Mr. Amre Moussa – Secretary General of the League of Arab States, regarding the Israeli plans to build a cluster of new settlements on Occupied Palestinian Territories in Jabal Abu Ghoneim area.

Yahya Mahmassani

Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
NEW YORK

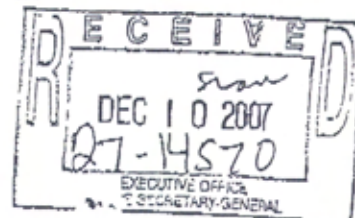
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The Secretary General

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9 December 2007

Excellency,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Israeli plans to build a cluster of new settlements on occupied Palestinian territories in the Jabal Abu Ghoneim area. This is a strict violation to all Israeli international obligations. Indeed, it is a shocking affront to the spirit generated in Annapolis that we hoped would take us towards the launch of solid negotiations, in good faith, between Israelis and Palestinians in a manner that would finally lead to a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian Question.

I am well aware of the sense of disapproval demonstrated within and beyond the Quartet towards such an Israeli plan. However, as you well know Israel shrugged all statements disapproving of its illegal plans. This, I am afraid, is seriously endangering the whole Annapolis process – not just in the eyes of public opinion but also for those who participated in the conference.

The Israeli plans challenge the commitment we concluded in Annapolis to secure the implementation of the Roadmap and will not allow for a constructive process of negotiations on the final status issues.

It is clear that for the Annapolis process to be saved, a firm stand needs to be promptly taken by the Quartet, especially the US in view of the responsibilities it took upon itself in this regard. Otherwise, we would all be on the losing end. Israeli violations should not be allowed to destroy what we all gave a chance to.

Sincerely

Amre Moussa

H.E. Ban Ki-Moon
UN Secretary-General

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MESSAGE:

Please find attached for the Secretary-General's signature two draft letters replying to the correspondence of the Saudi Foreign Minister and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States concerning settlement activity in the West Bank. (#27-14766 + #27-14570)

To accompany the letters, you will also find for your signature two corresponding transmittals to the Permanent Representative and the Permanent Observer of Saudi Arabia and the League of Arab States, respectively.

Drafter: Michael Contet (7.7025)
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