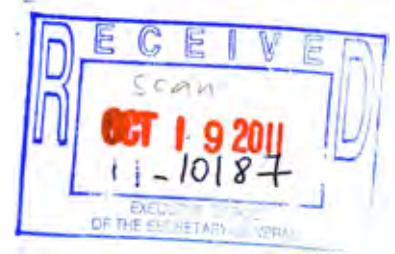


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Secretary- General of the United Nations

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Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon:

I believe that it is important to promote democratic principles throughout the world because everybody should be given a legitimate opportunity to have a democracy. Every single person is allowed to think what they want and have their own opinion. People want their voices to be heard and every person should be able to have the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions. Not every person is given the opportunity to speak their mind but, they want to be able to do so. Most people do not have a way of making it happen because of the type of government they have.

The democratization process is never easy; it is difficult to promote democratization because ethnic and religious conflict is epidemic. This type of conflict can complicate the efforts to democratize because the antagonisms can run so deep that the opposing groups do not want to grant the political legitimacy to one another. The democratization process is difficult to initiate because not everybody will agree on the same criteria for a procedural democracy. They can also disagree in the extent to which they support the freedom of speech and the freedom of race. Another reason why it is hard to initiate democratization is because the transition to democracy makes new democratic governments vulnerable. The democratization process is also difficult to maintain because some ethnic and religious rivals are often more interested in achieving a form of government that oppresses their opponents than in establishing a real democracy for themselves.

In conclusion, promoting democratic principles throughout the world is important because every person should have the opportunity in their government to have their thoughts and opinions heard.

Sincerely yours,

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