


22 February 2008

Excellency,


I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm hospitality you provided to me, as well as my delegation, during my recent visit to Rwanda. I also appreciated the productive meetings I had with Your Excellency, the Prime Minister and with the Parliament.



I greatly valued our useful exchange on the progress made by your country in moving towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. Furthermore, I am very grateful for the active and strong commitment of Rwanda to the work of the United Nations, including through the One United Nations Pilot Programme and its support to the work of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. I was very much encouraged by your commitment to the implementation of the Nairobi Communiqué in cooperation with the United Nations and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and I valued your views on the situation in Kenya and Darfur.

On behalf of my wife and in my own name, I wish to add my deep appreciation for the excellent support and assistance the Rwandan Government provided us during our stay in Kigali. Our moving visits to the Genocide Memorial and the Village of Hope, were greatly facilitated by the valuable efforts of your Office and other members of the Government.

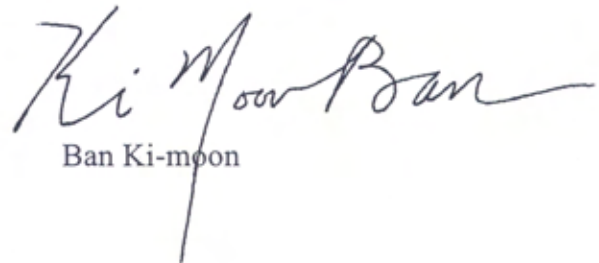
His Excellency
Mr. Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



We also greatly enjoyed the dinner, which you so generously hosted for us in the presence of such distinguished guests. The beautiful gift you kindly presented to us will serve as a fond reminder of the visit.

I have the greatest respect and admiration for what you have been doing in Rwanda. I am most grateful for the strong partnership between your country and the entire United Nations family, and I look forward to our continued close cooperation in the years ahead.

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

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Ban Ki-moon



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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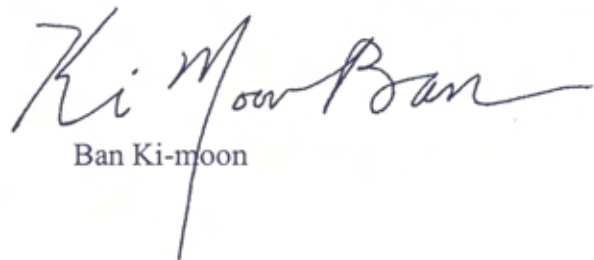
Excellency,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements accorded to me and my delegation on our recent visit to Kigali.

I welcomed the opportunity to meet with you and your cabinet and to have a broad and comprehensive discussion on issues of mutual interest to Rwanda and the United Nations, which ranged from, among others, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the One UN Programme, to issues of regional peace and security.

I would like to once again commend Rwanda for the tremendous progress that it has made in various fields since the dark period of the Genocide in 1994. I also commend you for the progress you have made in moving towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. I would like to express my deep appreciation for Rwanda's continued cooperation with the ICTR and its leadership of the One UN Programme. I am most grateful for the strong partnership between your country and the entire UN family, and look forward to our continued close cooperation in the years ahead.

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Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Bernard Makuza
Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



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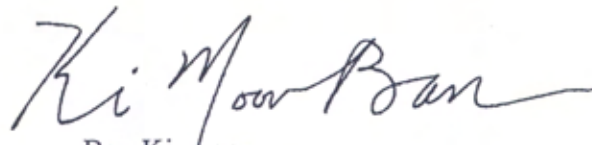
Excellency,

Following my visit to Rwanda last month, I write to thank you most sincerely for all your help in ensuring that my visit was a success and a most memorable experience. Your tireless efforts - from the early stages of planning to your assistance in ensuring that everything ran smoothly while we were there - were instrumental in facilitating our work.

I was honoured to have had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency President Kagame, as well as with your Prime Minister and his cabinet. I am grateful that you were able to contribute to our discussions on the broad range of issues of mutual concern to Rwanda and the United Nations and I look forward to continuing our close cooperation in addressing the many challenges we face.

Please convey my deep appreciation to your colleagues in New York and in Kigali for their dedicated efforts and for all the assistance provided in support of my visit.

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


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Joseph Nsengimana
Permanent Representative of Rwanda
to the United Nations
New York



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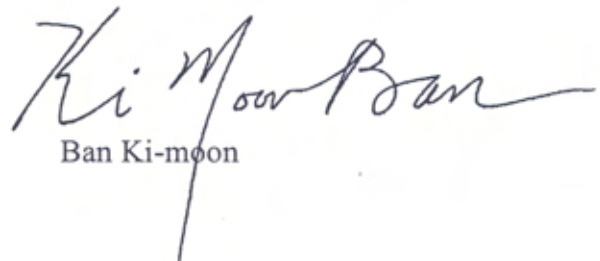
I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm welcome you provided to me and my delegation during my recent visit to Rwanda.

It was an honour for me to have had the opportunity to address the joint session of Parliament and to answer questions from the Honorable Members of Parliament on such issues as reform, peacekeeping missions in the Great Lakes region and environmental protection, among others.

I am glad to take this opportunity to commend Rwanda, once again, for the uniqueness of its Parliament that lies in its gender parity composition and which will continue for a long time to command the respect of all those who are genuinely committed to gender balance. I also took note with great interest of the passing of the law on the abolition of the death penalty, as well as its ratification of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region by your Institution.

Last but not least, I am most grateful for the strong partnership between Rwanda and the entire United Nations family, and I look forward to your continued close cooperation in the period ahead.

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Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Alfred Mukezamfura
President of the Chamber of Deputies
of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



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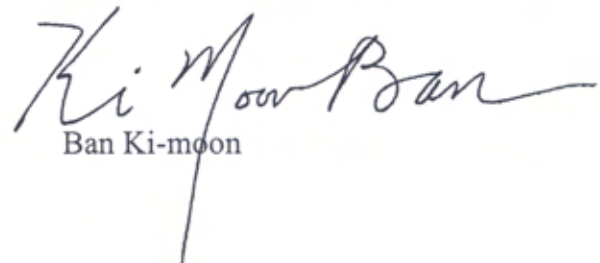
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Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Dr. Victor Biruta
President of the Senate
of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Soumare,

I write to thank you and the United Nations Country Team for your professionalism and dedicated efforts made in support of my recent visit to Kigali.

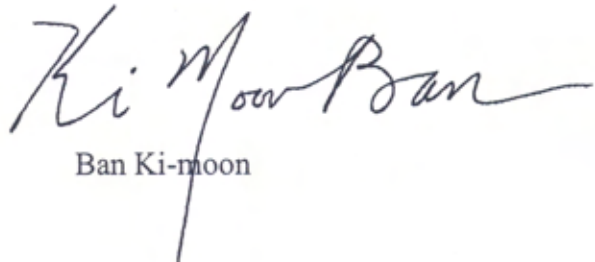
The visit was successful and highly productive due in no small part to your close working relationship with the Rwandan authorities, which helped to ensure that the programme ran smoothly and that all the logistical arrangements were in place. I would be grateful if you could please convey my profound appreciation to all United Nations colleagues on the ground, who were so instrumental in arranging my programme.

I was grateful for the opportunity to discuss with you and the representatives of the United Nations Country Team the crucial work of the United Nations in Rwanda. I was very happy to have spoken to the United Nations staff and to the representatives of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

I also wish to convey my spouse's appreciation to your colleagues, in particular, to Ms. Therese Zeba, UNFPA Representative, Ms. Josephine Odera, UNIFEM Regional Programme Director, and Ms. Valérie Taton, Deputy Representative of UNICEF for their excellent assistance and pleasant company during her visits to the First Lady, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, at Imbuto Foundation, and to the AVEGA Trauma Counseling Centre.

Please accept my best wishes for the important work you and the United Nations Country Team are doing. As you embark upon your new assignment, let me express my deepest appreciation for your achievements and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,


Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Moustapha Soumare
Resident Coordinator and
UNDP Resident Representative
Kigali



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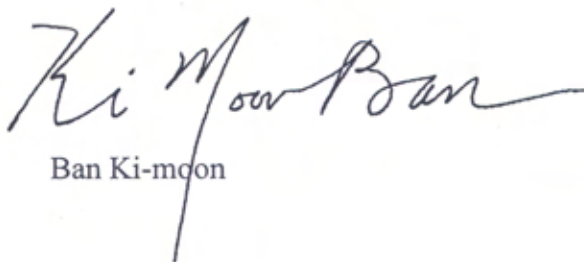
Dear Lieutenant Colonel Kabuye,

Following my visit to Rwanda, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome and the excellent arrangements afforded to me and my delegation during our visit.

The visit was successful and highly productive and your efforts ensured that the programme ran smoothly and that all logistical and protocol arrangements were in place. I am so grateful to have accomplished so much during my brief visit. I was very honoured to have met with His Excellency President Kagame, as well as with your Prime Minister and his cabinet. My visit to the Genocide Memorial was also a very humbling and overwhelming experience. I also appreciated my visit to the Village of Hope.

In closing, I should like to express my gratitude once again for the tireless efforts made on the part of the Office of the President, State Protocol in particular, to ensure our smooth and memorable visit to Kigali.

Yours sincerely,



Ban Ki-moon

Lieutenant Colonel Rose Kabuye
Chief of Protocol
Office of the President of the
Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 February 2008

Dear Mr. Mutanguha,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm hospitality you provided to me, as well as my delegation, during my recent visit to the Genocide Memorial Centre in Kigali.

I was deeply moved by my tour of the Memorial Centre. It was impossible to pass through the halls and not be affected by what the Rwandan people have endured. Not only is the Memorial a register of atrocities, it is also a repository of hope and a call to never stop working to prevent another genocide.

I hope that the Genocide Memorial Centre will continue to attract both Rwandan and international visitors so that they may all learn and remember one of the darkest chapters of human history, and so that they may also resolve to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban", is written over the typed name "Ban Ki-moon".

Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Freddy Mutanguha
Responsible Officer
Genocide Memorial Centre
Kigali



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 February 2008

Dear Mr. Malinga,

I would like to thank you and the staff at the Serena Hotel for the warm welcome and excellent service provided to me and my delegation during our recent stay.

Thanks to your assistance, my visit to Kigali was a successful and memorable one. The hotel's facilities and arrangements for our visit were of excellent quality.

Please convey my heartfelt gratitude, as well as that of my entire delegation, to your colleagues and staff for contributing to the success of our visit. I look forward to a future opportunity to visit Kigali again.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Ban Ki-moon" is printed in a standard font.

Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Mugo Malinga
Manager
Serena Hotel
Kigali



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Excellency,

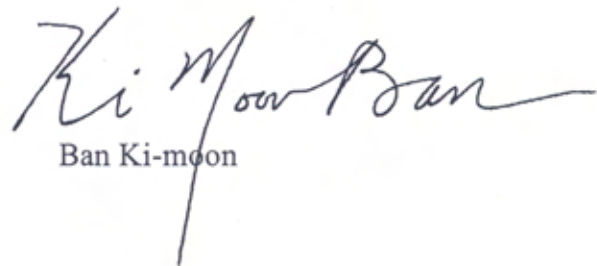
I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm hospitality you provided to me and my delegation during my recent visit to Addis Ababa. I deeply appreciated the excellent logistical and protocol arrangements provided by the Ethiopian Government for my visit.

Although I had to leave Addis Ababa earlier than scheduled in order to travel to Kenya, my visit was highly productive. I was able to hold meetings with a significant number of Heads of State and Government on issues of critical importance ranging from peace and security to the Millennium Development Goals.

I sincerely regret that our planned meeting did not materialize. However, I greatly valued our useful exchange of views during the dinner that you hosted for the commemoration of the Ethiopian Millennium. My wife and I were honored to be part of the celebration of this historic occasion.

I am most grateful for the partnership between your country and the entire United Nations family, and I look forward to our continued close cooperation in the period ahead.

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


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Meles Zenawi
Prime Minister of the Federal Republic
of Ethiopia
Addis Ababa



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Janneh,

I write to thank you and all your colleagues of the United Nations family for your professionalism and the dedicated efforts made in support of my recent participation in the 10th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of African Union.

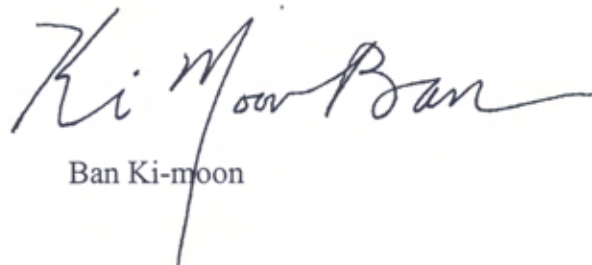
Although I had to leave Addis Ababa earlier than scheduled in order to travel to Kenya, my visit was highly productive since I was able to hold meetings with a significant number of Heads of State and Government on issues of critical importance ranging from peace and security to the Millennium Development Goals.

Your close working relationship with the Ethiopian authorities helped to ensure that my programme ran smoothly and that all the requisite logistical arrangements were in place. I should be grateful if you could extend my sincere thanks to our colleagues who helped arrange my programme.

In that connection, I wish to convey my spouse's appreciation to Mr. Bjorn Ljunqvist, UNICEF Resident Representative, who facilitated her participation in the African First Ladies Meeting on Gender Based Violence. I also convey her regrets to Mr. Nureldin Satti, UNESCO Resident Representative, for the cancellation of the visits he had arranged for her to the National and the Patriarch Museums in Addis Ababa, due to my early departure.

I personally regret not having been able to meet all our United Nations colleagues based in Addis Ababa. I would be grateful if you could let them know how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication.

Yours sincerely,



Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Abdoulie Janneh
Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 February 2008

Excellency,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the most useful exchange of views he had over lunch during the recent Summit of the African Union.

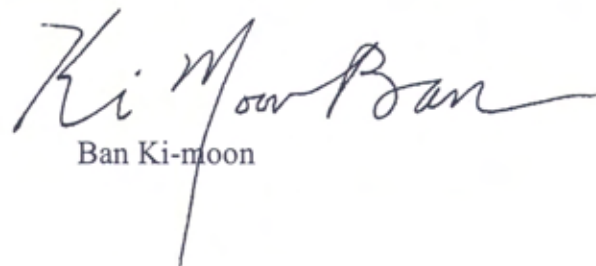
As always, I have been inspired by your deep knowledge and understanding of the issues we discussed. I was particularly encouraged by our commitment to fast track the deployment of UNAMID. I have also listened with considerable interest to your views on the situation in Kenya and Sudan.

I have the greatest respect and appreciation for your dedication and commitment to the African Union. Under your dynamic leadership, we have been able to forge a solid and unique cooperation between our two organizations in the areas of peace and security but also in many other sectors as shown by the Ten-Year-Capacity Building Programme.

You will be leaving the chairpersonship of the African Union, in a few weeks. Let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to your tireless efforts to build a better continent for the next generation. You will be remembered for your passion in the service of the African Union, your wisdom, and your strong belief that a better future exists for Africa and its people. I shall personally remember you not only as an invaluable partner, but also as a friend.

I wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

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


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré
Chairperson of the Commission
of the African Union
Addis Ababa



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 February 2008

Dear Mr. Jagne,

I write to thank you and all your colleagues of the United Nations Liaison Office to the African Union for your professionalism and the dedicated efforts made in support of my recent participation in the 10th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of African Union.

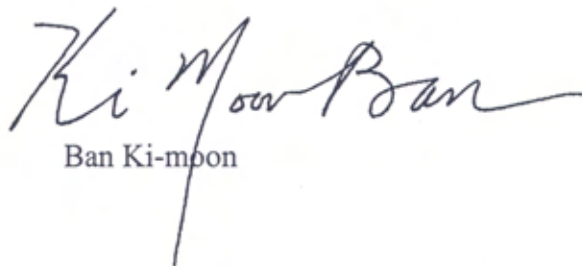
I would like to thank you, in particular for the very detailed political briefing that you had prepared, under extremely difficult conditions, on the proceedings of the Executive Committee.

Although I had to leave Addis Ababa earlier than scheduled to travel to Kenya, my visit was highly productive since I was able to hold meetings with a significant number of Heads of State and Government on issues of critical importance ranging from peace and security to the Millennium Development Goals.

Your close working relationship with the African Union Commission and Ethiopian authorities helped to ensure that my programme ran smoothly and that all the requisite logistical arrangements were in place.

I regret not having been able to meet all our United Nations colleagues based in Addis Ababa. I would be grateful if you could let them know how much I appreciate their hard work and dedication.

Yours sincerely,



Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Baboucarr Blaise Jagne
Director
United Nations Liaison Office
to the African Union
Addis Ababa



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Tadesse,

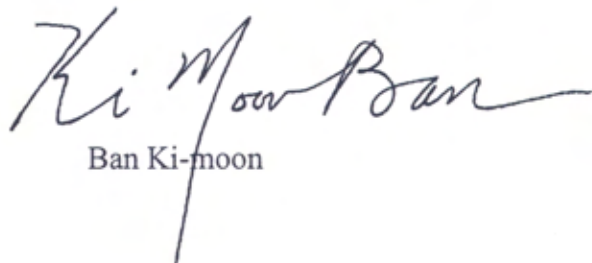
Following my visit to Ethiopia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome and the excellent arrangements afforded to me and my delegation during our visit.

The visit was successful and highly productive and your efforts ensured that the programme ran smoothly and that all logistical and protocol arrangements were in place. I was very honoured to have participated in the 10th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of African Union, but also to hold many bilateral and multilateral meetings with African leaders on issues of common concern.

I also want to express my gratitude to you and your staff for all the arrangements which facilitated the separate program followed by my spouse, namely, her participation in the African First Ladies Meeting on Gender Based Violence.

In closing, I should like to express my gratitude once again for the tireless efforts made on the part of the Office of the President, State Protocol in particular, to ensure our smooth stay in Addis Ababa.

Yours sincerely,



Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Metasebia Tadesse
Chief of Protocol
Office of the President of the
Republic of Ethiopia
Addis Ababa



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 February 2008

Dear Mr. Manigoff,

I would like to thank you and the staff at the Sheraton Addis for the warm welcome and excellent service provided to me and my delegation during our recent stay.

Thanks to your assistance, my visit to Addis Ababa was a successful and memorable one. The hotel's facilities and arrangements for our visit were of excellent quality.

Please convey my sincere gratitude, as well as that of my entire delegation, to your colleagues and staff for contributing to the success of our visit. I look forward to future opportunities to visit Addis Ababa.

Yours sincerely,

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Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Jean-Pierre Manigoff
General Manager
Sheraton Addis
Addis Ababa

THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT
TO RWANDA AND ETHIOPIA
(25 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2008)

RWANDA (Sultan)

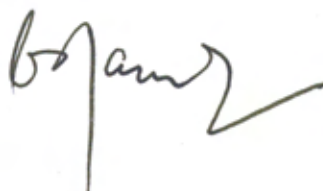
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ETHIOPIA (Houel/Sultan)

1. His Excellency Mr. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
2. Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Director, Economic Commission of Africa
3. Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré, former Chairperson of the AU Commission
4. Mr. Baboucarr Blaise Jagne, Director, UN Liaison Office to the AU
5. Mr. Metasebia Tadesse, Chief of Protocol, Office of the President of the Republic of Ethiopia
6. Mr. Jean-Pierre Manigoff, General Manager, Sheraton Addis

Drafter: Qais Sultan, Fatou Camara Houel
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Approved by:
Date:

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