



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 February 2009

Excellency,

I am writing to thank you for receiving me in Cairo on 14 January 2009, during my recent visit to the region during the crisis in Gaza.

I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with you as I embarked on my mission to call for an immediate ceasefire and the implementation of resolution 1860 (2009). As always, the guidance you provided during my most recent visit was indispensable in furthering the aims of my mission.

As you know, I traveled to the Gaza Strip as soon as the ceasefire took hold. I was shocked by the destruction and vowed to the people of Gaza that the United Nations would not abandon them. On Thursday, 29 January, I issued a global appeal for USD 613 million to meet the urgent needs of the people of Gaza. The United Nations will also actively participate in the donors' conference organised by the Government of Egypt.

I would like to once again express my appreciation for the important role that the League of Arab States has played in the search for peace in the Middle East. I look forward to continuing our joint efforts to bring a comprehensive and lasting peace to the region in accordance with Security Council resolutions.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban".

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
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Secretary-General of the
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