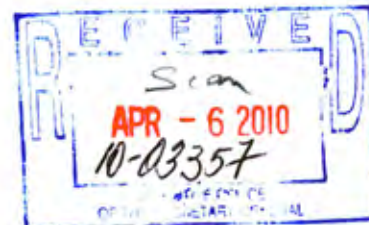


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His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-moon
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30 March 2010

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the meeting on Yemen in London on 27 January 2010. At this successful meeting, Arab neighbours and partners, the international donor community and international organisations reaffirmed their engagement with Yemen. One of the outcomes was the formation of a Friends of Yemen group, with the aim of improving the coordination and effectiveness of international support for Yemen's reform efforts. The meeting also decided to set up two working groups to prepare for subsequent Friends of Yemen meetings. The Netherlands and Jordan expressed their willingness to co-chair the working group on Justice and the Rule of Law.

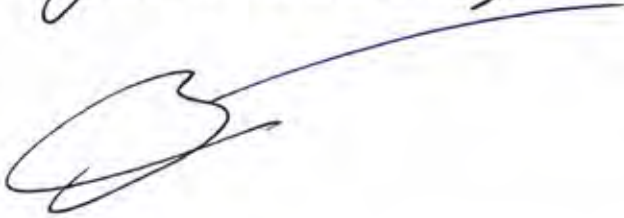
The preparations for the Justice and the Rule of Law working group are now in full swing. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the working group's Dutch and Jordanian chairs. They are Mr. Han-Maurits Schaapveld and Mr. Walid Obeidat, who have both been appointed as Special Envoys for Yemen for this purpose. They will visit Yemen on 6 and 7 April for talks with the Yemeni authorities.

The first meeting of the Justice and Rule of Law working group will be held in The Hague on 12 April 2010. Its aim is to discuss the working group's work plan and exchange views on which issues to prioritise.

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I would like to invite you, as a member of the Friends of Yemen, to send an expert delegate to the meeting. Kindly send the contact details of the expert who will be representing you to DAM-WGY@minbuza.nl.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a long horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

Maxime Verhagen
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



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Dear Janice,

Please find enclosed a letter of the Netherlands Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Maxime Verhagen addressed to the Secretary General of the UN, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon regarding the 1st meeting of the Justice and Rule of Law working group's Dutch and Jordanian chairs which will be held on 12 April 2010.

The original letter will be delivered a.s.a.p.

Kind regards,
Gretha Metekohy

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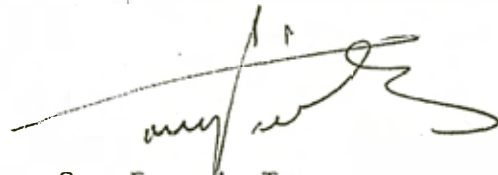
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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 30 March 2010 from H.E. Mr. Maxime Jacques Marcel Verhagen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, addressed to the Secretary-General and inviting the United Nations, as a member of the Friends of Yemen, to send an expert delegate to the first meeting of the Justice and Rule of Law working group on 12 April 2010.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Gunnar Berkemeier, Programme Analyst - Rule of Law, Justice and Security, Bureau for Crisis Prevention & Recovery from the United Nations Development Programme, will represent the United Nations at this important meeting. I would be grateful if this information could be conveyed to your Foreign Ministry.

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



Oscar Fernandez-Taranco
Assistant Secretary-General
for Political Affairs

His Excellency
Mr. Herman Schaper
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