

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 April 2007

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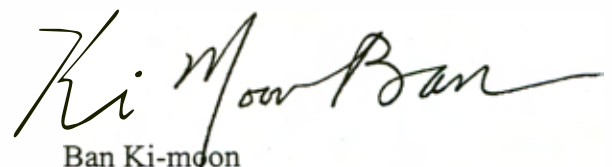
I would like to thank you for your letter of 5 March 2007, in which you conveyed your appreciation for the United Nations co-sponsorship of the Liberia Partners' Forum, which was held in Washington, D.C. in February, and also requested the support of the United Nations for Liberia's efforts to find a comprehensive solution to clearing the country's external debt arrears.

The United Nations is proud to have been a co-sponsor of the very successful Liberia Partners' Forum. The positive outcome of the Forum was due in no small measure to the commitment that you and your Government have shown towards promoting good governance and improving economic recovery in your country. I wish to assure you that the United Nations will continue to work closely with you and your Government, as you carry out your reform and reconstruction programme.

In this connection, as you have requested, I intend to write to G8 and non-G8 European shareholders of the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank to request their assistance in facilitating the clearance of Liberia's debt arrears. I will also continue to raise this important issue with the concerned Governments and institutions in my future contacts with them.

Please rest assured that the United Nations will continue to work together with your Government in achieving lasting peace and sustainable development in Liberia.

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


Ban Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
President of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia



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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and signature a letter from the Secretary-General to the President of Liberia.

Thank you.


Andrew Gilmour
30 April 2007

cc: Mr. Kim Won-soo

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

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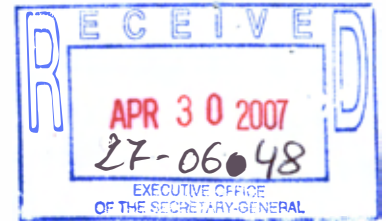
Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Milton Nathaniel Barnes
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of Liberia to the United Nations
New York

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Note to Mr. Nambiar



Re: Secretary-General's response to President Johnson Sirleaf's letter of 5 March

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1. Please find attached a draft letter from the Secretary-General to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, in response to her letter of 5 March, congratulating her on the outcome of Liberia's Partners Forum in Washington D.C. in February. The letter advises her of the Secretary-General's intention to write to the G-8 and non-G-8 shareholders of the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank to request their assistance in facilitating the clearance of Liberia's arrears. The draft letter has been coordinated with UNMIL.
2. We would be grateful if you could obtain the signature of the Secretary-General for this letter at his earliest convenience.

for H. Guéhenno
Jean-Marie Guéhenno
26 April 2007

cc: Mr. Pascoe
Mr. Dervis

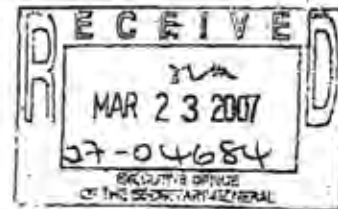
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I write to once again convey my gratitude for the United Nations' co-sponsorship of last month's Liberia Partners' Forum. We were heartened by the Forum's recognition of our efforts to date and endorsement of our strategic priorities going forward; this provides us a very strong basis for forging ahead amidst all the obstacles.

Let me also thank you for the new financial and technical assistance commitments made by various UN agencies. We believe that the commitments made by the United States, the United Kingdom, and other partners concerning the IMF and ADB arrears significantly advanced the search for a comprehensive solution to Liberia's external debt arrears. We know that continued good performance on our reform program is a sine qua non for the success of these efforts. We are resolutely committed to doing our part.

Together with our key partners, we must now move ahead with the focused follow-up required to confirm the necessary financing assurances by the time of the IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings in April. To this end our Finance Minister visited Berlin on her way back from Washington and had very encouraging discussions with the German Development Minister and Secretary of State of Finance, as well as with the Norwegian and Danish Development Ministers, building on discussions previously held with senior French and Dutch officials just before the Forum. I will use the occasion of my official visits to Spain and Japan as well as a short stay in Brussels over the next 10 days to underscore the urgency

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of confirming the financing assurances and our expectation that this should be completed by the Spring Meetings.

We look forward to the United Nations' support on this matter. We urge in particular that you engage in the necessary dialogue with G8 and non-G8 European shareholders of the IMF and ADB, with the view to confirming the use of SCA1/deferred charges balances for the IMF arrears and raising the additional donor financing required to clear the ADB arrears. I know you agree with us that the search for a comprehensive solution to Liberia's external debt arrears and access to debt relief must be concluded by April.

We look forward to working with all UN agencies on other follow-up priorities from the Partners' Forum and wish to again express our gratitude to all of you for the Forum's success and your continued support.

Sincerely,


Ellen Johnson Sirleaf