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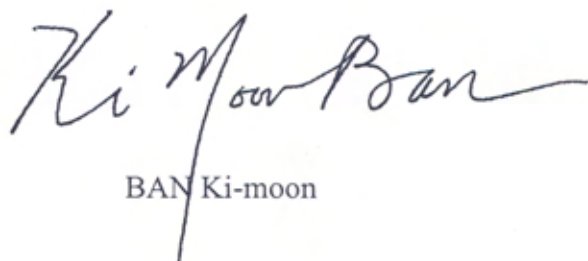
Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 21 April 2008 inviting me to attend the thirty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), to be held from 1 to 3 June 2008 in Medellín, Colombia, as well as a meeting to present your report on the Colombia-Ecuador matter.

Unfortunately, due to previously accepted travel commitments, I shall be unable to attend. However, I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Director of the Americas and Europe Division of the Department of Political Affairs, will represent the United Nations at this event, accompanied by Ms. Denise Cook, Senior Political Affairs Officer.

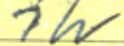
As mentioned in my letter of 5 May, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the OAS, I am committed to strengthening cooperation between our respective organizations and I look forward to the OAS continuing to promote peace, human rights and development in the Americas for many years to come. In that respect, I wish you a very successful General Assembly and a fruitful meeting on the Colombia-Ecuador matter.

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

  
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