



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SG's trip

15 September 2010

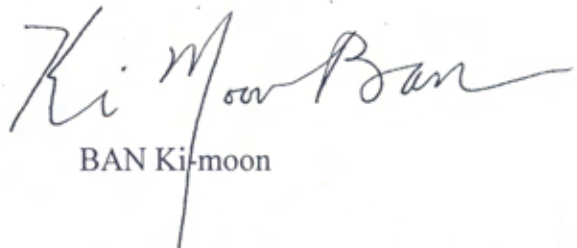
Excellency,

I write to thank you for the warm and gracious welcome offered to me and to my delegation during our brief visit to Kigali last week. I was especially appreciative of your hospitality on such short notice, and in the wake of the ceremonies to mark the inauguration of President Kagame, which brought so many dignitaries to your capital.

My delegation and I especially appreciated the open and constructive nature of our discussions on the engagement of Rwanda with the United Nations, and particularly with regard to the Report of the Mapping Exercise on Human Rights Violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 1993 and 2003. The candor with which you approached these issues has helped me appreciate fully the concerns of Rwanda with regard to the report.

As agreed in Kigali, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navanethem Pillay, and I both look forward to receiving your Government's comments for simultaneous publication with the report. We also look forward to resuming our discussions in New York in the coming days with a view to determining appropriate next steps.

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


BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Mrs. Louise Mushikiwabo
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali



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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, two **thank you** letters addressed to the President and the FM of Rwanda.

The letters were drafted by DPKO, reviewed by ASG Simonovic and the Political Unit.

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Nicholas Haysom
15 September 2010

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Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you to thank you once again for receiving me in Kigali last week to discuss important issues in the relationship between Rwanda and the United Nations. The warm and gracious welcome offered to me and my delegation and the constructive nature of our discussions were very much appreciated.

As we discussed, I am grateful for the role that you, personally, and your country are playing in advancing the cause of the Millennium Development Goals. As I said when we met, I am convinced that your leadership will make a difference as we move forward. Your participation in next week's summit, as you begin your second term as President, is a welcome demonstration of your commitment.

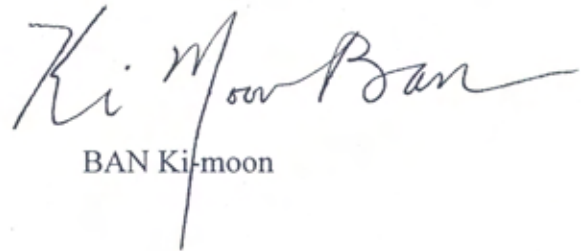
The contribution of Rwanda to peacekeeping was also an important subject in our discussions. The participation of Rwandan personnel in peacekeeping missions, particularly in the joint African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur, also makes a major difference in protecting civilians and supporting peace efforts. I was heartened by our shared understanding of the important role Rwanda is playing, and by your expression of continued commitment to peacekeeping.

The central focus of my visit was, of course, to personally hear the concerns of Rwanda regarding the Report of the Mapping Exercise on Human Rights Violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 1993 and 2003. I appreciated the open, frank and constructive manner in which we were able to discuss this report, which raises issues of critical importance for all concerned. Ms. Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and I both look forward to receiving your Government's comments for simultaneous publication with the report.

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

As we agreed in Kigali, our meeting in New York next week will provide us with another opportunity to discuss further the mapping exercise with a view to determining appropriate next steps.

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

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BAN Ki-moon

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letters to their high addressees.

Copies of the letters are attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Eugène-Richard Gasana
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Rwanda
to the United Nations
New York