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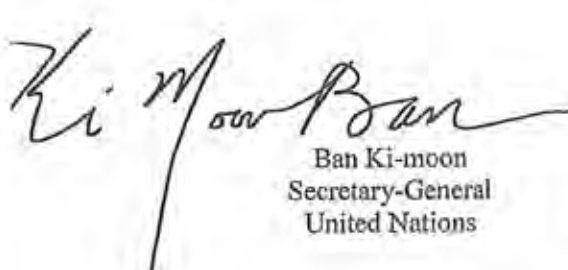
Your Excellency,

Thank you very much for your participation at the international conference for the MENA Financing Initiative, which took place on April 15 during the 2016 Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund.


We are grateful for your strong support and leadership, which was critical to launch this innovative financing initiative to support the countries in the MENA region most impacted by the Syrian refugee crisis.


Going forward, we count on your steadfast and sustained support for this initiative, as we look to build on the successful pledging conference to mobilize US\$1 billion in grant contributions over the next five years. Importantly, this funding will be able to provide Jordan and Lebanon with US\$3 to US\$4 billion in concessional financing to the benefit of both refugees and host communities.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

  
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