



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7 December 2012

Dear Ms. Vera Lúcia Cabreira,

I write to offer my sincere condolences on the death of your husband, Oscar Niemeyer. As one of the original architects of the iconic United Nations Headquarters complex in New York, he made an enduring contribution to our work for peace, development and human rights.

Each day as I approach my office, I am reminded of Mr. Niemeyer's passion for modernism. When I visited his master-works in Brasilia, I felt an immediate connection and sense of belonging.

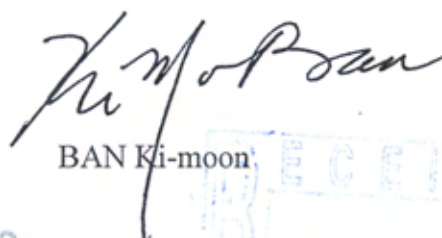
The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization World Heritage List has rightly recognized Mr. Niemeyer's contribution. His career was exceptionally long and illustrious, but above all he made his mark as a humanist committed to global engagement.

The United Nations Headquarters has just been renovated. At this difficult time for you and your family, I hope you can draw some comfort from knowing that this great edifice has been restored, and that its beauty and functionality stands as part of your husband's lasting legacy to the world.

The United Nations will forever be grateful to Mr. Niemeyer for helping to create such a beautiful and inspiring home from which to carry out our work of service for all humankind.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. I wish you and your family strength in mourning your loss.

Yours sincerely,


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