



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 February 2011

Dear Ms. Bokova,

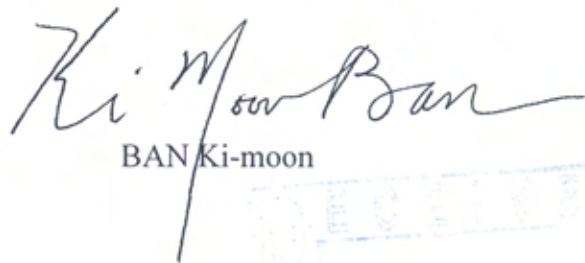
I wish to thank you for your letter dated 22 February 2011 confirming the visit of Mr. Koichiro Matsuura to Bangkok and Phnom Penh on 25 and 28 February 2011, respectively, as Special Envoy of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the issue of the Preah Vihear Temple.

Following the meeting of the Security Council on 14 February 2011, which called on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to support the efforts of the two parties to peacefully resolve their dispute, ASEAN took a major step forward on 22 February 2011, by agreeing to field unarmed observers from Indonesia on both sides of the border. In my discussions with both Prime Ministers and the Indonesian Foreign Minister, as well as in the briefing of my Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs to the Security Council, we have made clear the readiness of the United Nations to assist their efforts.

As a World Heritage Site, the Preah Vihear Temple needs to be safeguarded. I fully support your efforts in this regard, and I believe that the visit of Mr. Matsuura to the two capitals could be instrumental in establishing a clear understanding on how best to safeguard the Temple. I look forward to learning about the outcome of the visit of Mr. Matsuura.

I would also be grateful if your staff could continue to liaise closely with my office and the Department of Political Affairs on this matter.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Irina Bokova
Director-General
United Nations Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization
Paris



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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter addressed to Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General UNESCO, in reply to her letter of 22 February on the visit by their Special Envoy to Bangkok and Phnom Penh, on the issue of the Preah Vihear Temple.

Nicholas Haysom
25 February 2011

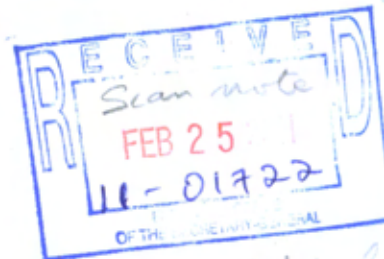
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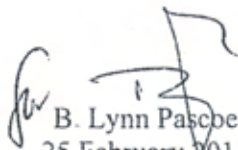


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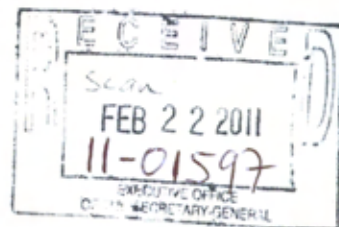
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Further to my previous letter of 11 February, I wish to confirm the visit of my predecessor, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, to Bangkok and Phnom Penh as UNESCO Special Envoy on the issue of the Preah Vihear Temple. (#11-01375)

As I have already informed both Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva of Thailand and Deputy Prime Minister Sok An of Cambodia, Mr Matsuura's role would be to travel to Bangkok and Phnom Penh to meet with the authorities of Thailand and Cambodia, on 25 and 28 February respectively, in order to discuss the safeguarding of the Temple of Preah Vihear, to defuse tension and to listen to their views and concerns in that regard.

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With my very best regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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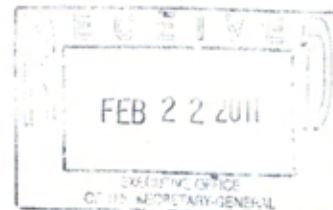


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UNESCO Office presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary General and has the honour to forward an advance copy of a letter which the Director General of UNESCO Ms Irina Bokova has written to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

UNESCO Office is at the entire disposal of the Executive Office for any further information on this topic and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary General the assurances of its highest consideration.

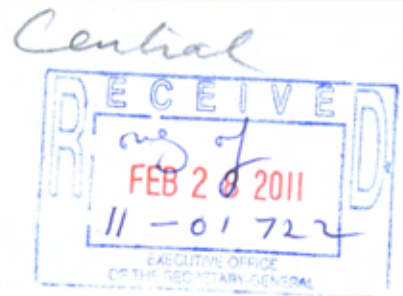
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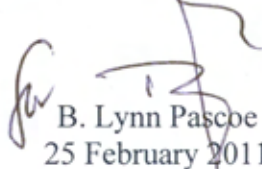
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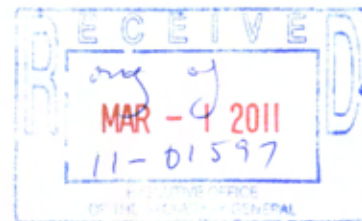
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