

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 September 2007

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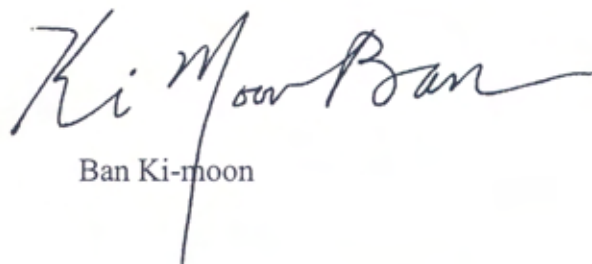
I would like to thank you for your letter of 3 August and for your kind invitation to the United Nations to participate in the series of meetings of major economies on climate change, starting with the meeting to be hosted by Secretary Rice in Washington, D.C., on 27-28 September.

As I have had the opportunity to explain to you personally earlier this year, climate change is one of my highest priorities. I therefore welcome your initiative and note with satisfaction the announced intention of the United States to develop with other major economies through this process a contribution to a global agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

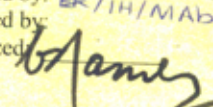
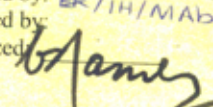
In line with this objective, I have designated the Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Mr. Yvo de Boer, as the senior official who will represent me in the process.

Let me use this opportunity to repeat my invitation to you personally to join me and other world leaders for a special high-level event on climate change that I am convening on 24 September in New York and for a dinner with limited participation in the evening of that day at my residence. I look forward to your distinguished presence at these important activities.

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


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