



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Election Complaints

8 January 2007

Dear Reverend Nyomi,

I write on taking office as Secretary-General to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

As you know, I assume my duties at a time of daunting challenges in world affairs -- from the range of crises troubling our world to the need to defend human rights and move forward in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Yet I also know that the demands placed on the United Nations demonstrate that our Organization is very much alive, that it is on the front line in addressing crises and giving hope to people around the world, and that it is a force to be reckoned with, among Governments and people everywhere.

I am determined to do all in my power to ensure that our United Nations can live up to those high expectations, and carry out effectively the ever more global role which Member States have entrusted to it. By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations -- security, development and human rights, all underpinned by the rule of law -- we can build a more peaceful, more prosperous and more just world for succeeding generations. In that effort, I will seek to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder, and do all I can to restore trust in the Organization.

I am reassured to know that in that endeavour, I will have your support.

Yours sincerely,


Ban Ki-moon

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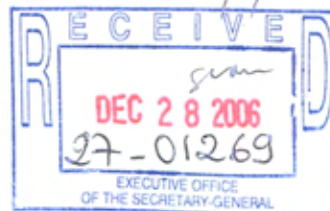


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Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon,

I write on behalf of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches to congratulate you on your election as the next Secretary General of the United Nations.

You are coming into this office at a time of great insecurity and suffering in our world today. The war in Iraq and other conflicts, including disturbing human rights abuses by state actors and others, the suffering as a result of economic injustice and such devastating diseases as HIV/AIDS as well as the slow progress on reaching the millennium development goals, are only a few of the current global challenges.

The World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) is the global umbrella body for Presbyterian, Reformed, Congregational and some united churches, bringing together more than 75 million Christians in 107 countries. We have a long-standing commitment to justice (in the economy, in the environment, gender, race, etc). Our commitment brings our member churches to foster peace and justice in our nations.

It is from this background that we appreciate the role of the United Nations today. More than ever before, in a world in which unilateral actions have led to disastrous consequences, we need the only broad based multilateral body, the United Nations. We need the UN to be effective and focused and to respond to the tough questions of our world today. These tough questions include following through with reforms in the UN, so that it might be the kind of multilateral body which will indeed serve the entire global family's need for peace and well-being.

We hope that under your leadership we can see the United Nations and its agencies effectively playing their role in the world today. We hope you will build on the good work of your predecessor and take it even further so that it might become an even greater force for peace and justice in the world.

We, in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, will continue to pray for you. We and our churches are partners in peace building and in addressing the challenges inherent in our world today. We do so recognising that religious communities (Christians, Muslims, Buddhist, Hindus, etc) can be forces for peace and justice in a world in which a few misuse these same religious sentiments for conflict and destruction.

On behalf of the President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, our Executive Committee and the entire WARC family, we congratulate you for ascending to this position. Once you have settled in your office, we shall plan a visit so that we can dialogue further on some of the issues raised here.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr Setri Nyomi
General Secretary