



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

14 May 2008

Dear Mr. Charpentier,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the United Nations country team in Côte d'Ivoire for the warm hospitality my delegation and I received during my recent visit. I welcomed the opportunity to exchange views with you and your colleagues on the wide range of issues that the United Nations is working on in Côte d'Ivoire, and witness first-hand the difference made by the United Nations in the lives of vulnerable Ivorians.

The upcoming phase of the peace process, leading to presidential elections on 30 November 2008, represents an unprecedented opportunity for the normalization of the country's situation. I am confident that the United Nations country team will continue to provide the necessary support to the Ivorian parties to overcome the remaining challenges on the road to elections, in full synergy with UNOCI. I am also grateful for the essential work being achieved in the country in terms of humanitarian assistance and in support of the transition to peacebuilding, recovery and development.

I would like to commend you for your commitment as my Deputy Special Representative, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Côte d'Ivoire, and to convey through you my appreciation for the dedicated service of all staff of the United Nations country team serving in the country.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Ki Moon Ban', is written over the typed name 'BAN Ki-moon'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.
BAN Ki-moon

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