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Dear Mr. Annan,

I write to thank you for your letter dated 10 March 2009, inviting me to be a speaker at this year's annual meeting of the Global Humanitarian Forum entitled "Human Impact of Climate Change: New Challenges for Humanitarianism and Sustainable Development", scheduled to be held on 23 and 24 June 2009 in Geneva.

I welcome the Forum's continued work to address the challenges of climate change and your personal commitment to further this agenda. I am also grateful to you for keeping me informed of the Forum's activities. The humanitarian dimensions of climate change are increasingly being recognized in the debate. It is important for us to define action-oriented policy solutions and to clarify the options among the substantive elements to be included in a Copenhagen agreement in December 2009.

We are looking ahead towards intensive months of Government negotiations as we strive to seal a deal in Copenhagen. In support of this goal, I will convene a summit on climate change on 22 September 2009 in New York. The challenge and hence the magnitude and complexity of these negotiations is unprecedented, necessitating political attention and direction from the highest levels. In addition, the UN system is gearing up to ensure its readiness to support the implementation of an ambitious climate change regime delivering as one. In this context, I greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to your advice on these important issues.

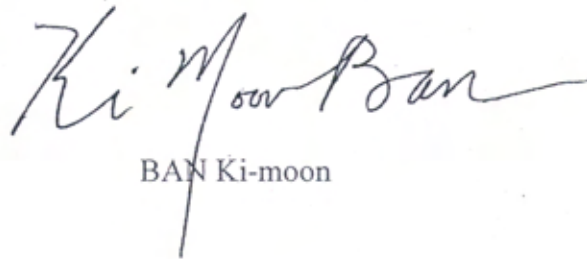
Mr. Kofi A. Annan  
President  
Global Humanitarian Forum  
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It is an honour for me to have received your kind invitation. Regrettably, I have to inform you that I will be unable to take part in the 2009 Forum. However, Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, will be participating in this important event as senior representatives of the United Nations. Allow me, nevertheless, to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event and let me reassure you that climate change will remain a high priority for the United Nations work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

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<b>Subject:</b> Annual meeting of the Global Humanitarian Forum entitled "Human Impact of Climate Change: New Challenges for Humanitarianism and Sustainable Development", scheduled to be held on 23 and 24 June 2009 in Geneva.	

Please find attached a letter from the Secretary-General in relation to this year's annual meeting of the Global Humanitarian Forum entitled "Human Impact of Climate Change: New Challenges for Humanitarianism and Sustainable Development".

The original copy of the letter has been sent to you by mail.

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Dear Sebastien,

CCST's recommendation is for the Secretary-General to participate in this event in person, if his schedule allows.

The inaugural event last year was quite high profile and attracted high level participants. We expect this year to more and not less high profile. There is likely to also be a large humanitarian community audience. The forum's focus on the "Human Face" of climate change and Copenhagen makes it an ideal platform to showcase the SG's messages on the importance of addressing the needs of the vulnerable and sealing a deal in Copenhagen.

Let us know what support you need from us in preparation, once decisions are made and the subsequent programme for participation is clearer.

Best regards,

Gelila

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Subject FOR ADVICE PLSE: 2009 Global Humanitarian Forum, 23-24 June 2009

Dear Gelila,

I attach an invitation from Kofi Annan for SG to attend the 2009 Global Humanitarian Forum, scheduled to take place on 23-24 June 2009, on the theme "Human impact of Climate Change". It would be appreciated if CCST could advise on this invitation. Thank you

Best,

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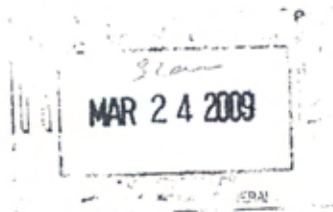


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Geneva, 10 March 2009

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

Further to my previous letter on the work of the Global Humanitarian Forum in Geneva, I would like to inform you about specific aspects of our current work.

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At the Forum's annual meeting in 2008 we initiated the call for a global alliance for climate justice and a public campaign to support a strong and equitable new climate agreement to succeed the Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC. Since autumn last year, the Forum has been working closely with a group of leading NGOs for "Climate Action", including Oxfam, Greenpeace, the World Wildlife Fund and the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, to develop a common campaign for this purpose.

The Forum's campaign will aim at raising public awareness about the importance of a robust and fair agreement to succeed the Kyoto protocol. It will emphasize the human dimensions of the climate problem and frame the UNFCCC negotiations as an issue of justice for all humanity. We are using the term "climate justice" to mean that each individual has a responsibility to protect the planet. That those who pollute must know that pollution has a cost and that the polluter must pay. Those who suffer most from the effect of climate change need to be supported. And an effective global fund needs to be established to transfer funds and green technology to those most in need.

The theme of the annual Forum this year, from 23-24 June, is "Human Impact of Climate Change: New Challenges for Humanitarianism and Sustainable Development". As key stakeholders and figures in the Copenhagen negotiations are to be present, we hope that the event will draw additional attention to the urgency for international action.

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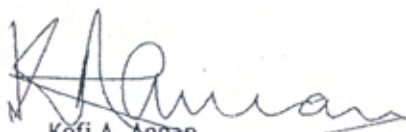
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Were your schedule to permit you to attend, I would be glad to ensure that a suitable speaking opportunity is found within the event's programme.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

  
Kofi A. Annan

