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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
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Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon,

*Dear Secretary General*

I wish to acknowledge with appreciation your letter following our joint visit to the Sahel region. It was a pleasure to undertake such a historic visit to the region with you and the leaders of the African Union Commission, the World Bank and the European Union.

The visit was a reminder of the daunting development challenges in the Sahel region and the complex issues of poverty and security that can only be addressed through our collective efforts. I was pleased to witness a renewed commitment for greater collaboration and coordination among international, regional and national actors in providing support to the countries. The African Development Bank is committed to play its part in convening and leading common approaches that optimize the delivery of development assistance to the Sahel region.

It is in this spirit that we agreed to host the Sahel Action Fund and I am pleased to note that my staff met with the team of the office of your Special Envoy for the Sahel, Mr. Romano Prodi, to further discuss the administrative and partnership arrangements of the Fund.

I would like to thank you for spearheading the effort to mobilize political will from the international community for the much-needed resources that this important initiative requires. I trust that we will continue to strengthen our partnership in support of Africa's transformation.

Yours sincerely,

**Donald KABERUKA**

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