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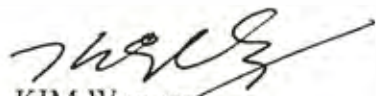
Dear Mr. Sekimizu,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 27 January 2012, inviting him to attend a high-level policy debate on arms on board, to take place on the first day of the 90th session of the Maritime Safety Committee on 16 May 2012 in London.

The Secretary-General appreciates your invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will not be able to attend the event, in view of prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule on the said date. Nevertheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

*Let's address this
letter to IMO SG's
chief of staff.*


KIM Won-soo
Deputy Chef de Cabinet and
Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

Mr. Koji Sekimizu
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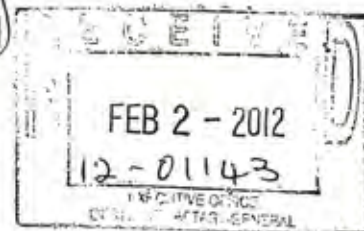
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27 January 2012

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
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New York, NY 10017
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Dear Mr. Ban,

Please accept my sincerest thanks for taking the time to meet me and to discuss how to achieve closer co-operation between the UN and IMO, especially on how to help combat Somalia-based piracy activities and how IMO could contribute further to addressing the root causes of piracy and developing land-based initiatives to strengthen Somalia and regional maritime and law enforcement capacity. I am particularly grateful for your insights and for your expressions of support for this initiative. To this end, I am now in the process of organizing a Counter-piracy Capacity-building Conference, to be held at IMO Headquarters on Tuesday, 15 May 2012.

As discussed, it is my intention to hold a high-level policy debate on arms on board, to take place on the first day of the 90th session of the Maritime Safety Committee on Wednesday, 16 May 2012, based on the concern at the growing employment of privately contracted armed security personnel on board merchant ships. Your presence at this high-level debate on 16 May 2012 would be invaluable. Please allow me to reiterate my invitation for you to participate in this important meeting.

Once again I should like to thank you for agreeing to meet me at such short notice. I am delighted to say that the subsequent meetings with Under Secretary-General O'Brien, Under Secretary-General Pascoe and Mr. Honwana were conducted in the same spirit of co-operation as our meeting and I look forward to building on this success.

With highest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Koji Sekimizu
Secretary-General

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