



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

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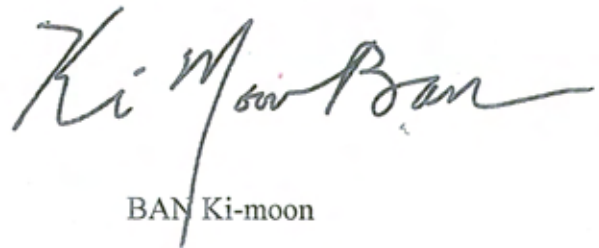
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and your staff for facilitating my visit to the European Parliament on 27 May 2015, during my visit to Belgium. In particular, I appreciate the honour that you granted me to address the Plenary of the European Parliament, and the meeting we held subsequently. I am also grateful for your kind gift, which is a fitting memento of my visit.

Our discussion was emblematic of the mutual interests of the European Union and the United Nations across the globe. Allow me to reiterate my thanks for our excellent cooperation and the strong support that the European Parliament provides towards the fulfilment of the objectives of the United Nations, including on sustainable development and climate change.

As we discussed, I strongly welcome the European Agenda on Migration. I look forward to greater cooperation between the European Union and the United Nations on this very critical agenda.

I also appreciated your insights on how the European Parliament can support the United Nations on countering violent extremism, and look forward to receiving your inputs to my plan of action to be submitted to the General Assembly this coming September.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Martin Schulz
President of the European Parliament
Brussels

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity facilitated by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker and yourself to engage with officials at European Union Headquarters, during my visit to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015. In particular, I appreciate the tête-à-tête meeting we held on 27 May.

Allow me to reiterate my thanks for our excellent cooperation and the strong support you provide towards the fulfilment of the objectives of the United Nations. I appreciate the urgent and comprehensive action by the European Union to prevent further loss of life in the Mediterranean.

In 2015, both the European Union and the United Nations are undertaking reviews on key issues that will affect our approach to peace and security in Europe and around the globe. I have a strong interest in maintaining our institutional dialogue to ensure that multilateralism is at the heart of our common, values-based approach, centred on the prevention of humanitarian and political crises.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ban Ki-moon' in a cursive style.
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Donald Tusk
President of the European Council
Brussels



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Excellency,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity that His Excellency Mr. Donald Tusk and yourself facilitated to engage with officials at European Union Headquarters, during my visit to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015. In particular, I appreciated the constructive meeting we held and the subsequent luncheon you hosted with the College of European Commissioners on 27 May 2015. It was a great honour to meet the new leadership of the European Commission, and I was impressed by the democratic credentials of your Cabinet.

I appreciated the urgent and comprehensive action by the European Union to prevent further loss of life in the Mediterranean. I also welcomed the opportunity to discuss the substantial contributions of the European Union to United Nations peacekeeping and to the fight against Ebola.

As we discussed, 2015 will be a critical year for the international community to move forward on climate change and sustainable development. Allow me to reiterate my thanks for our excellent cooperation and the strong support you provide towards the fulfilment of the objectives of the United Nations. Your personal efforts on gender equality, as outlined by Vice-President Georgieva during the lunch discussion, are also commendable.

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission
Brussels



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Excellency,


I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you, Commissioner Neven Mimica and Commissioner Karmenu Vella, your staff and everyone at the European Commission, for facilitating my recent visit, during my official travel to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015. In particular, I am grateful for the dinner that you hosted with the Ministers of Development and Cooperation of the 28 Member States on 26 May, and the breakfast meeting you hosted on 27 May.

On both occasions, our discussions were emblematic of our shared interests across the globe, and the natural partnership between the United Nations and the European Union in the fields of preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, human rights and development. I appreciated your comprehensive response on migration in accordance with international law, that focuses on saving lives and addresses both symptoms and root causes.

In 2015, both the European Union and the United Nations are undertaking reviews on key issues that will affect our approach to peace and security in Europe and around the world. I have a strong interest in maintaining our institutional dialogue to ensure that multilateralism is at the heart of our common, values-based approach, centred on the prevention of humanitarian and political crises.

Allow me also to thank you for your kind gift which is a fitting memento of my visit. I wish to reiterate my appreciation for our excellent cooperation and the strong support you provide towards the fulfilment of the objectives of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Federica Mogherini
High Representative and Vice-President
of the European Commission
Brussels



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16 July 2015

Excellency,

I would like to express my gratitude for the meeting we held on 28 May 2015, during my visit to Belgium.

I strongly welcome the European Agenda on Migration as a first step in the right direction and I commend efforts towards the full implementation of the Common European Asylum System. The United Nations stands ready to address this global challenge for the benefit of both migrants and Europe.

As I mentioned during our meeting, I appreciate the urgent and comprehensive action by the European Union to prevent further loss of life in the Mediterranean. I look forward to greater cooperation between the European Union and the United Nations on this very critical agenda.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos
European Commissioner for Migration,
Home Affairs and Citizenship
Brussels

LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le 16 juillet 2015

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Je tiens à vous exprimer ma sincère gratitude pour l'honneur de l'audience que vous et Sa Majesté la Reine Mathilde m'avez accordée lors de ma visite en Belgique du 26 au 28 mai 2015 et l'accueil chaleureux et l'extraordinaire hospitalité qui m'ont été réservés ainsi qu'à ma délégation. Je vous remercie également de l'aimable cadeau de Sa Majesté la Reine, lequel constitue un souvenir approprié de ma visite et de nos discussions sur l'importance de l'éducation.

Notre conversation concernant les affaires mondiales et de développement, et notamment votre voyage en Chine, le développement durable et l'éducation dans le monde, a été des plus stimulantes. Permettez-moi de saluer et d'encourager votre engagement actif dans tous ces domaines.

Je saisis cette occasion pour vous remercier vivement de votre soutien à la mission qui est celle de l'Organisation des Nations Unies; j'attends avec intérêt la poursuite de notre collaboration.

Je prie Votre Majesté d'agréer les assurances de mon très profond respect.

Avec ma profonde admiration,


BAN Ki-moon

Sa Majesté le Roi Philippe
Roi des Belges
Bruxelles



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Le 16 juillet 2015

Monsieur le Premier Ministre,

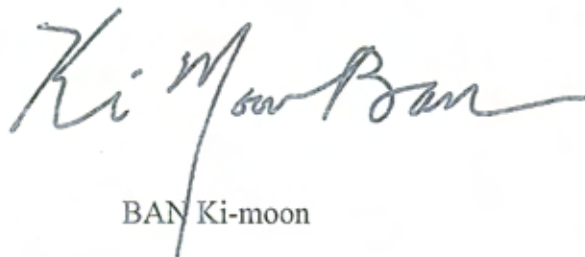
Suite à mon voyage en Belgique du 26 au 28 mai 2015, je tiens à vous remercier sincèrement, ainsi que votre gouvernement, d'avoir facilité ma visite à la Commission Européenne. En particulier, j'ai eu la chance d'avoir des échanges de vues enrichissants, lors du petit-déjeuner que vous avez organisé avec Son Excellence M. Didier Reynders, Ministre des Affaires étrangères, et Son Excellence M. Alexander de Croo, Ministre de la Coopération au développement. Je vous remercie également du cadeau que vous m'avez fait, qui me laissera un souvenir de cette visite.

Permettez-moi de vous répéter combien j'attache d'importance à l'esprit de coopération dont vous faites preuve et à l'appui énergique que vous apportez à la réalisation des objectifs de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. De fait, le Royaume de Belgique prête un concours précieux aux institutions des Nations Unies. Je salue également la contribution que vous apportez à l'action menée par l'Organisation dans le domaine de la paix et de la sécurité, en particulier en République centrafricaine et en République démocratique du Congo.

J'espère que vous soutiendrez également la Commission Européenne dans la réalisation de son programme en matière de migration, car il est urgent d'agir sur tous les plans pour éviter de nouvelles pertes humaines en Méditerranée.

L'année 2015 est pour la communauté internationale une étape cruciale sur la voie du développement durable et de la lutte contre les changements climatiques. Je vous félicite de la détermination dont vous faites preuve sur tous ces dossiers et je me réjouis que nous poursuivions notre collaboration dans ces domaines.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Premier Ministre, les assurances de ma très haute considération.


BAN Ki-moon

Son Excellence
Monsieur Charles Michel
Premier Ministre du Royaume de Belgique
Bruxelles



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Excellency,

Following my visit to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you, Ms. Noami Benchaya and the staff of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, for your overall support in ensuring its success.

During my visit, I was honoured to meet with Their Excellencies European Council President Donald Tusk, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, European Parliament President Martin Schulz, Vice President and High Representative Federica Mogherini, and Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos. In addition, I held very productive working meetings with the ministers of development cooperation of the European Union Member States, and with the entire College of Commissioners, and had the privilege to address the Plenary of the European Parliament, as well as participate alongside Commissioner Neven Mimica in the landmark event 'Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future: The Post-2015 Agenda and the Role of Youth'.

This experience has helped to demonstrate the growing partnership between the European Union and the United Nations, and I look forward to continuing our cooperation on our many common goals in the future.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting
Head of the Delegation of the European Union
to the United Nations
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Ms. Pesce-Monteiro,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the excellent support and cooperation you provided for my visit to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015.

My delegation and I are grateful to your team, including Ms. Isabella Rosso and Ms. Laura Beke, for ensuring my engagement with the European Union and the Kingdom of Belgium. The effective execution of all the requisite logistical and protocol arrangements is testimony, once again, to your outstanding leadership.

Allow me also to take this opportunity to thank you for hosting the meeting with the United Nations heads of agencies on 26 May 2015. It was a very productive event and I valued the opportunity to learn about the issues of concern to them, and about your important role in ensuring an effective engagement between the European Union and the United Nations on subjects of common interest.

Please accept, and also convey to the entire United Nations family in Brussels, my best wishes for success in the important work you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Barbara Pesce-Monteiro
Director
United Nations Office
Brussels



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Mr. Beers,

I write to express my sincere gratitude to Tomorrowland for supporting the United Nations, especially through the 'One World' bridge in Brussels. During my visit to Belgium on 27 May 2015, I was inspired to see your efforts in bringing greater visibility to the mission of the United Nations through your international network. Thank you as well for your kind gift.

I also thank you for the engraved United Nations core message of 'working as one towards dignity for all'. It is indeed inspiring that these words are now an integral part of the aptly named 'One World' bridge.

I applaud Tomorrowland for helping to drive meaningful action to ensure a life of dignity for all.

I look forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration and wish you all success in your important endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ban Ki-moon', is written above the printed name.

BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Michiel Beers
Co-founder
Tomorrowland
Antwerp



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Mr. Beers,

I write to express my appreciation to you and your team for helping the United Nations advance its global mission through Tomorrowland and the 'One World' bridge. During my visit in Belgium on 27 May 2015, I was especially heartened to see your efforts in assisting the United Nations in reaching new audiences and generating greater global understanding of the importance of promoting our common values.

I applaud your commitment to bringing people together across the world in order to 'live today, love tomorrow and unite forever'. This message resonates at the United Nations, as we strive to create a life of dignity for all.

Thank you also for your kind gift, which will serve as a reminder of the significant role that young people play in our quest to build a more just, peaceful and prosperous world.

I wish you sustained success and look forward to continuing our cooperation towards our common goals.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Manu Beers
Co-founder
Tomorrowland
Antwerp



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Mr. Quinze,

Thank you for your role in helping to make Tomorrowland such a valuable opportunity to generate greater understanding about the United Nations. During my visit to Belgium from 26 to 28 May 2015, I was deeply impressed by your efforts and, in particular, your wonderful design of the 'One World' bridge. Your supporters, hard-working team and your personal commitment have helped us make the most of this important event. I am also grateful for your kind gifts which are fitting mementos of my visit.

I am convinced that young people are a powerful driving force for fostering a safer, more sustainable and more equitable world. As we strive to realize this vision, I count on your continued engagement and wish you great success.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Arne Quinze
Sint-Martens-Latem



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Professor Torfs,

I write to express my sincere gratitude to you and to the Academic Council at the University of Leuven for conferring on me the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa during my visit to Belgium in May 2015. Your team, led by Ms. Margot Van den Bergh, created a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about your historic university and library, and your town's gracious people.

This is a hugely important year for the international community, as we strive to adopt a bold post-2015 sustainable development agenda and a meaningful agreement on climate change. The academic family, political leaders and community of the university have a role to play by continuing to make welcome contributions on thought leadership and global knowledge, and by producing the new generation of global citizens that the world needs.

Thank you as well for the generous presents you bestowed on me which are already meaningful mementos of my visit to Leuven. Please extend my thanks to Mayor Louis Tobback, Professor Mark Derez, and all your colleagues for their warm hospitality. I will forever treasure the prestigious distinction of being part of the illustrious alumni and community of KU Leuven.

I look forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration and wish you all success in your important endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Professor Dr. Rik Torfs
Rector
University of Leuven
Leuven



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2015

Dear Mr. Severgnini,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for your work with the United Nations, the European Commission and the Palais des Beaux Arts in making possible the event 'Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future: The Post-2015 Agenda and the Role of Youth' during my visit to Brussels in May 2015.

You were a wonderfully animated moderator, making all the participants feel at ease and enabling them to express themselves on a range of key global issues. I was moved and encouraged by their vision and commitment to global citizenship.

At a time when the empowerment of youth is more crucial than ever, this event helped us to demonstrate to governments around the world the importance of including young people in their deliberations for a sustainable development agenda and agreement on climate change, and to keep the level of ambition high. Thank you again for your valuable contribution to our shared efforts to build a world of dignity for all.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Beppe Severgnini
Crema



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le 16 juillet 2015

Madame l'Ambassadrice,

Suite à la visite que j'ai effectuée en Belgique du 26 au 28 mai 2015, je tiens à vous remercier vivement, ainsi que M. Pascal Bauffin et le personnel de la Mission permanente de la Belgique auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, de tout ce que vous avez fait pour en assurer le succès.

Au cours de ma visite, j'ai eu l'honneur de m'entretenir avec Leurs Majestés le Roi Philippe et la Reine Mathilde de Belgique, ainsi que de participer à un petit-déjeuner de travail des plus stimulants avec Leurs Excellences M. Charles Michel, Premier Ministre, M. Didier Reynders, Ministre des Affaires étrangères et M. Alexander de Croo, Ministre de la Coopération au développement. J'ai pu également présenter mon message de paix destiné au pont « One World » du festival de musique *Tomorrowland* et tenir d'importantes réunions avec les dirigeants de l'Union Européenne.

J'ai pu aussi me rendre à l'Université catholique de Louvain où m'a été conféré le titre de docteur honoris causa. C'est pour moi un privilège que de faire partie de l'éminente communauté de Louvain.

Cette visite a été une excellente occasion de renforcer les liens précieux et de plus en plus étroits de partenariat entre le Royaume de Belgique et l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Je formule le vœu de les voir se resserrer davantage.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Madame l'Ambassadrice, les assurances de ma très haute considération.


BAN Ki-moon

Son Excellence
Madame Bénédicte Frankinet
Représentante permanente du Royaume
de Belgique auprès de l'Organisation
des Nations Unies
New York



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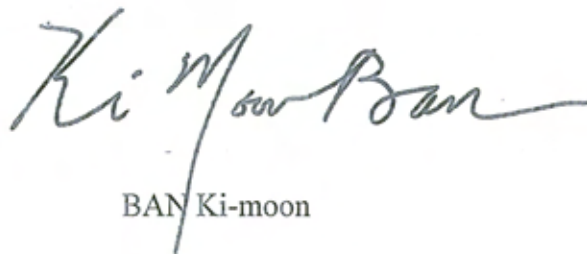
Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude, ainsi qu'à M. Jean-François D'hondt et à l'ensemble de vos collaborateurs du Palais des Beaux-Arts, et à l'Orchestre national de Belgique, pour avoir rendu possible, en coopérant avec l'Organisation des Nations Unies et la Commission européenne, la manifestation « Notre monde, notre dignité, notre avenir : le rôle de la jeunesse dans le programme de développement pour l'après-2015 », lors de ma visite à Bruxelles en mai 2015.

Ce magnifique rassemblement a été l'occasion de mieux faire connaître des questions aussi essentielles que le développement durable, les droits de l'homme, les changements climatiques et le chômage. Il a surtout permis à des jeunes d'exprimer leurs idées et leurs espoirs et de nouer des liens dans le cadre d'un émouvant échange témoignant, au-delà de leur diversité, de leur dessein commun.

A l'heure où l'émancipation des jeunes compte plus que tout, cette manifestation nous a permis de montrer à tous les Etats du monde pourquoi il importait d'associer la jeunesse aux débats sur un programme de développement durable et un accord sur le climat, et de maintenir la barre haute sur ces questions cruciales. Je trouve encourageant que vous poursuiviez votre collaboration avec l'Organisation des Nations Unies et je me réjouis de la contribution que vous voudrez bien continuer d'apporter à ses travaux. Merci encore de votre engagement et de votre soutien.

Je vous prie de croire, Monsieur, à l'expression de ma considération distinguée.



BAN Ki-moon

Monsieur Paul Dujardin
Directeur général et Directeur artistique
Palais des Beaux-Arts
Bruxelles

THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TOBELGIUM

(Tuesday, 26 May 2015 - Thursday 28 May 2015)

BRUSSELS**In English**

1. **H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker**, President of the European Commission (Annick)
2. **H.E. Mr. Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament (*gift*) (Annick)
3. **H.E. Mr. Donald Tusk**, President of the European Council (Annick)
4. **H.E. Ms. Federica Mogherini**, EC Vice-President and High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (*gift*) (Annick)
5. **H.E. Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos**, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (Annick)
6. **Ms. Barbara Pesce-Monteiro**, Director, United Nations Office in Brussels (Susana)
7. **H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Head of Delegation of the EU to the UN (Susana)
8. **Mr. Michiel Beers** co-founder, Tomorrowland music festival (*gift*) (Laura)
9. **Mr. Manu Beers**, co-founder, Tomorrowland music festival (*gift*) (Laura)
10. **Mr. Arne Quinze**, Belgian artist (One Word bridge) (*gift*) (Laura)
11. **Professor Rik Torfs**, Rector, Catholic University of Leuven (*gift*) (Susana)
12. **Mr. Beppe Severgnini**, moderator, 'Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future: the Post-2015 Agenda and the Role of Youth' even (Laura)

In French (to be translated after approval)

With personalization

13. **H.M. King Phillippe of Belgium** (Susana)

No personalization

14. **H.E. Mr. Charles Michel**, Belgian Prime Minister (*gift*) (Annick)
15. **H.E. Benedicte Frankinet**, PR of Belgium to the UN (Susana)
16. **Mr. Paul Dujardin**, CEO and Artistic Director, Palais des Beaux Arts (Laura)

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