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Excellency, *Dear Mr. president,*

On the occasion of your inauguration, I wish to extend to you my warm congratulations upon your assumption of office as the President of the Republic of Rwanda. I wish you every success in carrying out your important responsibilities.

I am confident that, under your leadership, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Summit to be held from 20 to 22 September 2010, will be a great success. I especially commend your initiative in convening the African Leaders Meeting on the MDGs on 5 September 2010, and trust that this event will make a significant contribution to promoting the achievement of the MDGs. I also would like to acknowledge the continued support and contribution of yourself and Rwanda to United Nations initiatives. In particular, its contribution to United Nations peacekeeping operations brings credit to Rwanda and is deeply appreciated by the international community.

The continued support of Rwanda for the efforts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to consolidate peace remains critical. I take this opportunity to inform you that I am still in the process of consulting with relevant member states on the Report of the Mapping Exercise on Human Rights Violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Your concerns in regard to this report have been brought to my attention by means of correspondence from Her Excellency Mrs. Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda and in a recent meeting with His Excellency Mr. Eugène-Richard Gasana, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations. It is absolutely important that allegations of human rights violations are properly addressed while also strengthening peace and stability in the region. Both of these important objectives must be pursued simultaneously. In this regard, I count on your pragmatic and visionary leadership. I trust we will be able to have constructive consultations on this matter.

His Excellency
Mr. Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali

I am sending Professor Jeffrey Sachs, my Special Adviser on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of the United Nations Millennium Project, to represent me at the inauguration and at the African Leaders Meeting on the MDGs. I hope he will be able to discuss with you all issues of mutual interest.

I look forward in seeing you at the MDG Summit next month.

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

With warmest regards,


BAN Ki-moon