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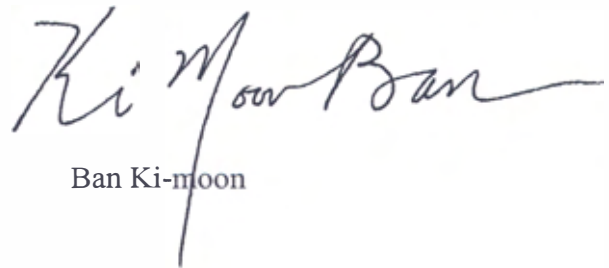
25 March 2008

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 7 March 2008, in which you reiterated your invitation for me to address the opening session of the Second Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, scheduled to take place from 27 to 30 October 2008 in Manila.

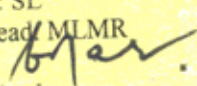
I am pleased to inform you that I will take part in the session and address its distinguished participants. In due course, my Office will liaise with your diplomatic services to finalize the arrangements for my participation. I am looking forward to meeting with you again in Manila and discuss issues of common interest.

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



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