



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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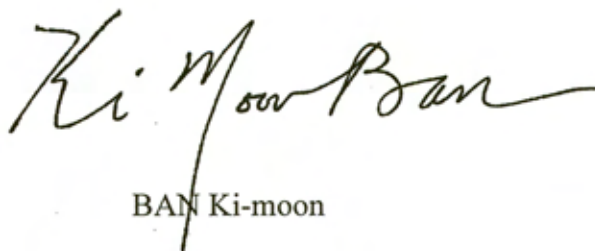
I write to thank you for the generous hospitality extended to my delegation, my wife and me, during my recent trip to Vienna to attend the fifth Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

The success and productivity of the visit was due to your efforts, as well as those of your colleagues in the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, to ensure that the programme ran smoothly. Besides the Global Forum, I also welcomed the opportunity to exchange views on a number of pressing matters with Their Excellencies Mr. Heinz Fischer and Mr. Michael Spindelegger, respectively Federal President and Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria.

Let me also take this opportunity to express, on behalf of my spouse and in my own name, our sincere thanks to Mrs. Aglaja Kyrle, for her tireless assistance.

In closing, I should like to express my deep appreciation once again for the tireless efforts made on the part of the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs to ensure a smooth and memorable visit to Vienna.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Johannes Kyrle
Secretary General of the Federal
Ministry of European and International
Affairs of the Republic of Austria
Vienna



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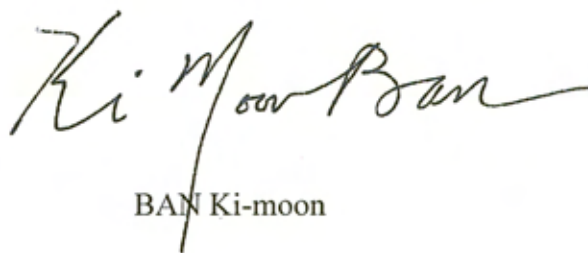
Excellency,

Following my recent visit to Austria, I should like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome and the excellent arrangements extended to me, my wife and my delegation during our stay.

Your efforts ensured a smooth running of the programme and superb logistical and protocol arrangements. Besides the fifth Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, I was very honoured to have met with Their Excellencies Mr. Heinz Fischer and Mr. Michael Spindelegger, respectively Federal President and Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of European and International Affairs of Austria. The concert by the Vienna Boys' Choir and the special viewing of the Hapsburg treasures were also unforgettable moments in my programme, which my wife and I very much enjoyed.

In closing, I should like to express my deep appreciation once again for the tireless efforts made on the part of the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, and the Department of Protocol in particular, under your competent guidance, to ensure a smooth and memorable visit to Vienna.

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



BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Bettina Kirnbauer
Ambassador, Chief of Protocol
Federal Ministry of European and
International Affairs of the
Republic of Austria
Vienna



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Dear Mrs. Vieira de Mello,

I write to thank you once again for the honour of inviting me to deliver the 2013 Sergio Vieira de Mello Lecture.

I was honoured to have this opportunity to pay tribute to a United Nations hero and to those who died with him on that tragic day in Baghdad a decade ago. I was also pleased to take part in the ceremony recognizing Bishop Taban for his inspiring work in South Sudan.

Please convey my gratitude to all involved in making possible a truly memorable event. I offer you my best wishes for the continued success of your Foundation's important efforts to carry forward the invaluable legacy of Sergio.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki-moon Ban", is written over the typed name "BAN Ki-moon".

BAN Ki-moon

Mrs. Annie Vieira de Mello
Vice-Chair of the Board
Sergio Vieira de Mello Foundation
Geneva

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO

Austria & Switzerland

Austria

(Monday, 25 February – Thursday, 28 February 2013)

1. **H.E. Johannes Kyrle**, Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria
2. **H.E. Ms. Bettina Kirnbauer**, Ambassador, Chief of Protocol, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria

Switzerland

(Thursday, 28 February – Sunday, 3 March 2013)

3. **Mrs. Annie Vieira de Mello**, Vice-Chair of the Board, Sergio Vieira de Mello Foundation

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