



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 November 2007

Dear Mr. President,

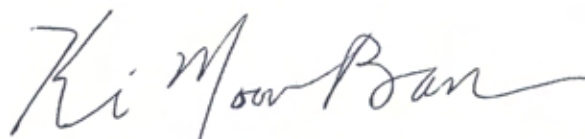
I wish to draw your attention to the attached note on the outcome of the meeting of the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), which took place in Geneva on 25 and 26 October 2007.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/124 of 15 December 2005, the CERF Advisory Group was established to advise the Secretary-General on the use and impact of the Fund.

The note summarizes the key points raised during the meeting on both the management of the Fund and its effect on humanitarian operations on the ground. I would like to draw your attention to the recommendation of the Advisory Group that greater effort be placed on increasing donor contributions and obtaining additional multi-year commitments to ensure that the target of US\$ 500 million is achieved by 2008. The Advisory Group stressed that Member States, including Permanent Members of the Security Council, should make every effort to achieve this funding target. I fully endorse this recommendation and urge Member States to contribute generously to the Fund.

I should be grateful if you would bring the attached note to the attention of the Member States, ahead of the upcoming high-level conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund, scheduled for 13 December 2007 in New York.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Ban Ki-moon

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