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12 October 2016

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Excellency,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter, received on 15 September 2016, inviting him to provide a video message for the launch of the Belgian Charter on the role of the Private Sector, Civil Society and Public Sector in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which will take place on 18 October 2016.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Regrettably, he will be unable to record a video message, in view of prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule, as well as official travel. However, given the importance of the occasion, he would be pleased to provide a written message.

Allow me to add my own best wishes and to convey my thanks for your continued support.

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

Yours sincerely,

Edmond Mulet  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Alexander De Croo  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Development Cooperation,  
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I would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Alexander de Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Post and Telecom.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmond Mulet'.

Edmond Mulet  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve  
Permanent Representative of Belgium  
to the United Nations  
New York



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ALEXANDER DE CROO

Minister for Development Cooperation,  
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,  
Dear Mr. Ban,

The **Belgian Charter on the role of the Private Sector, Civil Society and Public Sector in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Belgian SDG Charter)** connects private sector companies, civil society and the public sector along commitments to work together on concrete projects and actions that will help advance sustainable development. Our Charter is the product of three separate round tables held with each sector, over these past few months. Their collective input has been integrated into a draft charter. A final and joint round table will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Our ambition is to officially launch the Charter mid-October 2016, following which all Belgian private sector companies and Belgian civil society will be encouraged to step forward as signatories. The partnerships trajectory will then ensue.

For this official press launch of mid-October 2016, we would genuinely appreciate a word of encouragement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It is with great pleasure that I ask you for a short video message destined at the signatories of our charter and if possible a call to action for the remaining private sector and civil society actors to step forward as signatories of this Belgian SDG Charter. Signing the Charter is only our first step. We will organize further discussion and facilitate concrete partnerships in the months to come.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Alexander De Croo

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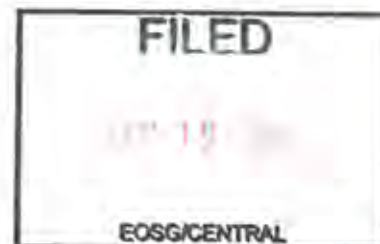
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Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Alexander De Croo

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New York, le 15 septembre 2016

Monsieur le Directeur du Cabinet,  
Monsieur le Secrétaire général adjoint,

Son Excellence Monsieur Alexander DE CROO, Vice-premier ministre et ministre de la Coopération au développement, de l'Agenda numérique, des Télécommunications et de la Poste vous serait reconnaissant de bien vouloir faire transmettre la lettre ci-jointe à Son Excellence Monsieur BAN Ki-moon, Secrétaire général des Nations Unies.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Directeur du Cabinet, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Marc PECSTEEN de BUYTSWERVE  
Ambassadeur  
Représentant permanent

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Copie à: M. David Nabarro

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Colleagues,

For logging please. thanks  
Joe



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