



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

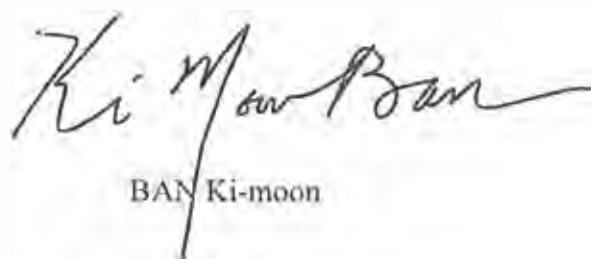
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Excellency,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the invitation to the meeting on Preventive Diplomacy and Mediation with key regional, subregional and other organizations, to be held in Cairo on 5 and 6 February 2014. The United Nations is honoured to be a co-organizer of this important event, which will be a key forum for consultations regarding a possible General Assembly resolution on the role of such organizations in mediation.

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to take part in the meeting, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands on my schedule on the said dates. However, in view of its importance, I have designated Mr. Levent Bilman, Director of the Policy and Mediation Division in the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations, who is also in charge of our mediation support portfolio, to represent me at this meeting. He will be supported by a small team to assist with the facilitation and moderation of the sessions. The office of Mr. Bilman will be in contact with your office to discuss the details of his participation in this meeting.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
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