



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 September 2013

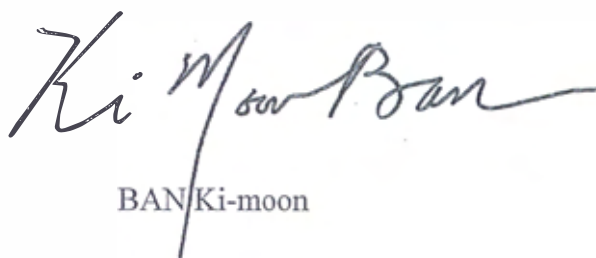
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Yours sincerely,


BAN/Ki-moon

Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
Director-General
United Nations Office at Geneva
Geneva

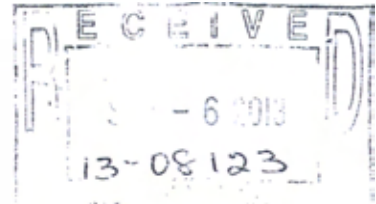


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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

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TO MR. KASSYM-JOMART TOKAYEV, DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA**

(Related to log 13-07898)

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Angela Kane".

Angela Kane
4 September 2013

cc: Ms. Malcorra

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To: CDC (through DSG),

Attached please find for your approval and SG's signature, a draft reply to the email of 29 August 2013 from the Director-General of UNOG on the recent developments in the Conference on Disarmament.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AG'.

Political Unit
11 September 2013

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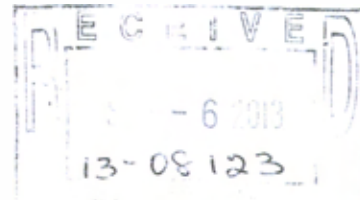
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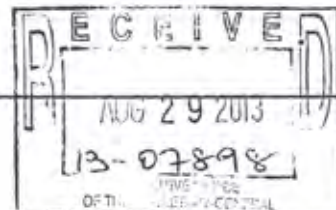
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Fw: Developments in the Conference on Disarmament
SGCentral to: Margaret King
Sent by: Michelle Rakotojaona

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From: Susana Malcorra/NY/UNO
To: "SGCentral" <sgcentral@un.org>
Date: 29/08/2013 07:15 AM
Subject: Fw: Developments in the Conference on Disarmament



For Action.
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Kassym-Jomart TOKAYEV

----- Original Message -----

From: Kassym-Jomart TOKAYEV
Sent: 08/29/2013 01:10 PM CEST
To: Ki-moon BAN
Cc: Jan Eliasson; Susana Malcorra; Angela Kane
Subject: Developments in the Conference on Disarmament

Dear Secretary-General,

In line with your instructions, I have been working with the successive presidencies of the Conference on Disarmament to generate impetus for a resumption of substantive work.

As I reported earlier, I presented a number of proposals for the CD's consideration on 18 June, including the suggestion to establish an Informal Working Group mandated to produce a Programme of Work. Based on this proposal, on 16 August the CD adopted a decision to create such an Informal Working Group on a Programme of Work, which is co-chaired by the Permanent Representatives of Ecuador and Australia.

While this decision does not constitute substantive work, it is nevertheless significant in demonstrating a greater awareness among the membership of the need to move ahead. Even if the mandate of the Working Group is to be limited to this year's session, the language of the decision implies a commitment to renewing it for the 2014 Session.

The discussions in the first meeting of the Informal Working Group on Monday, 26 August were generally considered constructive and welcomed by the membership. While they are unlikely to resolve the substantive differences, they are seen as adding new impetus and breaking the inertia of the past years of stalemate. This assessment is shared by almost all Ambassadors who in their public statements expressed their support to the idea of establishing the Informal Working Group.

I will continue to encourage the CD members to use this opportunity to take forward the substantive work and I intend to meet with the co-chairs shortly to discuss next steps.

With my best regards,

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

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