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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
The United Nations

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

In recognition of the death and destruction in the Philippines caused recently by Typhoon Haiyan, and in the wake of other disasters such as the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004, and the Great East Japan Earthquake and ensuing tsunami of March 2011, I have the honour to convey **a proposal** from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), the **Government** of Japan with the aim to promote disaster risk reduction as a priority within the water agenda, drawing from and **building** on the **UN** system policies, practices, and resources concerning disaster risk reduction and water, including the CEB-adopted UN Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience.

MLIT, the Government of Japan would like to support the **Secretary-General** in fostering highest-level coordination across the United Nations system and beyond and **elevating** the visibility of this issue. **Support** will also be provided in carrying out high-level advocacy and rallying commitment from governments, the private sector and civil society in support of United Nations system work on disaster risk reduction and water, in particular that related to the post-2015 sustainable development goals and agenda.

To support this initiative, **MLIT, the Government** of Japan would like to **offer** a contribution to your office in the amount of 423,378 US Dollars to the United Nations. It is expected that the funds would be used **for** organizing meetings on disaster risk reduction and water, staff **support** for advocacy and high-level UN system coordination on disaster risk **reduction** and water, travel **support** (including for invited speakers/experts), office equipment and support, and other activities as agreed between MLIT, the Government of Japan and the United Nations. Details of the fund including **reporting** will be discussed further.

We look forward to your positive response and to discussing further details of this proposal.

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

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