



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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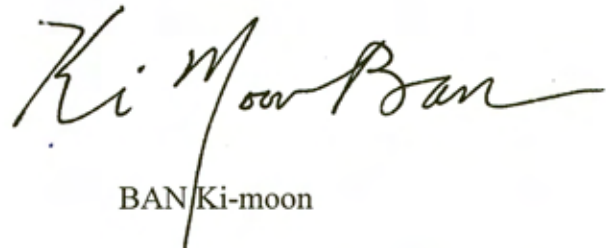
The 15-point agreement initialled by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013 is nothing short of historic and paves the way for lasting stability in the region.

On the day of the agreement, I issued a statement in which I congratulated the leaders and you for your successful personal role in helping to bring about this agreement.

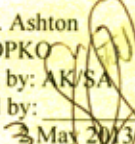
Since Belgrade and Pristina have now confirmed their commitment to the agreement, I wish to take the opportunity once more to convey my deep appreciation for your unwavering efforts to bring the parties together through dialogue. Under your auspices, they were able to eventually reconcile differences of views which seemed nearly insurmountable seven months ago.

As I conveyed to you during our dinner on 12 February 2013, and during our recent telephone conversation, the United Nations stands ready to assist the parties in implementing the agreement on the ground.

Please accept, Excellency, my renewed congratulations and the assurances of my highest consideration.


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