



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

24 December 2015

Dear Mr. Hamdi,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 9 December 2015, regarding your departure as my Special Representative for Mali and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

As your assignment comes to an end, I would like to express my gratitude for your dedicated and distinguished service with the United Nations and MINUSMA. As my Special Representative, you served during challenging times for the Mission and, importantly, for the peace process in Mali. Your leadership of MINUSMA and steadfast contribution to the stabilization of the country have been significant.

I am particularly grateful for your invaluable role in fostering the inter-Malian dialogue, which led to the signing of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Mali on 20 June 2015. Your tireless efforts in supporting the Malian peace process contributed to a new momentum for peace and stability in Mali, which the Malian people, with the support of MINUSMA and other international partners, can now build upon.

I would also like to express my appreciation for your initiatives to defuse intercommunal tensions in northern Mali. In a precarious security environment in which actors outside of the peace process continue to expand their influence over the population of Mali, the series of agreements that emanated from reconciliation dialogues offered a beacon of hope for a better future for the people of Mali.

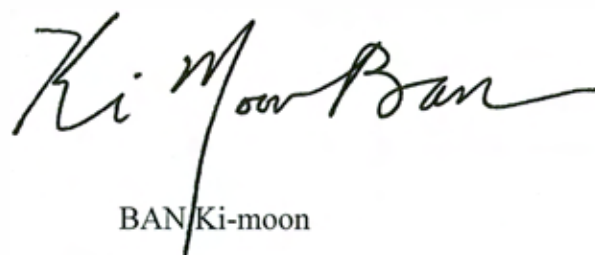
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Letter to Mr. Hamdi
Re end of term as
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I wish you all the best for your future endeavours and sincerely hope that we will have further opportunities for close cooperation in advancing the work of the United Nations in Mali, the region and the world.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being more prominent and the last name "Ki-moon" written in a more connected, flowing style.

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