



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2016

Dear Secretary Clinton,

I am writing following the conclusion of the presidential election to thank you for the admirable leadership and dedication you have demonstrated throughout your career in public service, qualities that were amply in evidence again during your electoral campaign.

Throughout that campaign, I was heartened by your emphasis on dialogue, humanity and respect as the way to bridge our differences, at home and abroad. As you do, I believe in diplomacy informed by such strong values; this is the only way to begin to heal the conflicts tearing so many societies apart. In the midst of one of the most intense and heated political campaigns, you consistently appealed to the best in your fellow citizens, to that which makes your nation a beacon for so many.

I am deeply grateful for your consistent advocacy on behalf of some of the world's most vulnerable people and in defence of action on the most pressing global issues, including climate change and gender inequality. You will forever be an inspiration to women and girls everywhere working for what is rightfully theirs. We in the United Nations, and in the global community at large, will never forget your historic contribution to the Fourth World Conference on Women, in Beijing. As women, and an increasing number of men, continue to chip away at the glass ceiling, rest assured that many around the world draw strength from you and the example of your life and work.

Madam Secretary, it has truly been an honour to work with you. I hope that the international community can continue to count on your experience and dedication. You have my heartfelt admiration and respect as well as that of my colleagues in this Organization.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

*With my deepest admiration and best wishes
for your continued success,*

BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
New York

