



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3 July 2013

Dear Mr. Roig,

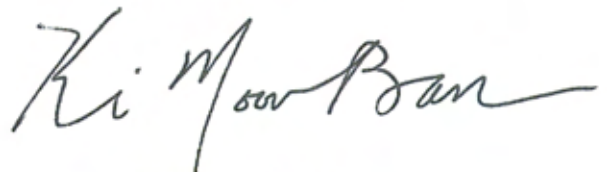
I wish to thank you for your letter of 25 June 2013 regarding the recent meeting of the Global task force of local and regional authorities for the post-2015 agenda that took place in New York on 28 May 2013.

I commend the work of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and share your views that the engagement of local and regional authorities will be critical to the successful definition of the post-2015 development agenda. In this spirit, I have invited a comprehensive set of consultations, including at the regional and national level, as part of the formal process to inform my recommendations to Member States at the upcoming special event to be hosted by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013. The deliberations of my High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on Post-2015, on which Mayor Kadir Topbas, UCLG President, served, are also providing much welcome guidance. I wish to thank you for your active engagement in this process.

Given the importance that I know you attach to this issue, I invite you to continue to engage on this matter with my Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, Assistant Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, who has been tasked with coordinating overall United Nations efforts on this agenda and also served as an ex officio member on the High-level Panel.

I count on your strong and continued support to our overarching objective of advancing sustainable development and creating a just world where all people live with dignity and hope.

Yours sincerely,


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