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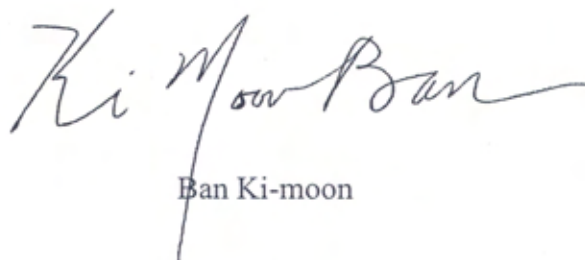
Excellency,

I would like to extend to you my warm congratulations and best wishes on your election as Prime Minister of Australia. As one of the 51 founding members who signed the United Nations Charter, Australia has had a long and active involvement in the United Nations, working in close cooperation on a wide range of issues and challenges. In particular, Australia was a strong partner in Timor-Leste, and through its commitment to a strong bilateral relation, contributed significantly to the peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste.

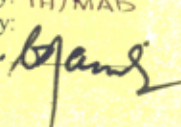
Australia continues to use its influence in addressing the many challenges still facing the region, especially those of small islands states. In this regard, I look forward to strengthening the cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum, of which Australia is an active member, and to building a new level of partnership between the two organizations.

The United Nations has undertaken to secure the political commitment of the international community to take decisive action on a global scale to address the challenge of climate change and I welcome your pledge to sign the Kyoto Protocol. I look forward to joining you and other international leaders at the forthcoming summit to be held in Bali next month.

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

  
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Kevin Rudd, MP  
Prime Minister-elect  
of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Canberra

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Excellency,

I would like to extend to you my warmest appreciation for the strong support and commitment you have provided to the United Nations during your long and active tenure as Prime Minister of Australia.

In particular, I would like to thank you for your leadership during difficult days in maintaining Australia's strong bilateral relationship with Timor-Leste, which contributed significantly to building peace, stability and development in that country.

I would like to take this occasion to express my best wishes for your future endeavours.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ki Moon Ban', is written over a thin horizontal line. Below the signature, the name 'Ban Ki-moon' is printed in a standard font.

Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. John Howard, MP  
Prime Minister  
of the Commonwealth of Australia  
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