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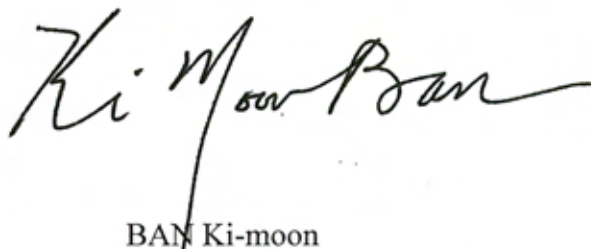
Dear Mr. Füllemann,

I write to thank you for your letter dated 18 July 2014 on the conclusion of your tenure as Head of Delegation and Permanent Observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to the United Nations. Thank you very much for your kind words to me.

Allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate my gratitude and sincere appreciation for your personal unwavering commitment and that of ICRC to the values and goals of the United Nations.

I wish you good health and continued success in your endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Walter A. Füllemann
Head of Delegation and Permanent Observer
of the International Committee of the
Red Cross to the United Nations
New York

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Dear Secretary-General,

After five fruitful and enjoyable years, my tenure is coming to an end on 31 July 2014.

I have enjoyed every minute of my stay in New York and the time spent working "to" the United Nations. Serving as Permanent Observer of the ICRC has been rich and rewarding in itself.

I have learnt a great deal from all of you- the diplomatic community, the UN Secretariat, UN agencies and other humanitarian actors; and I consider myself privileged to be your colleague and friend.

A heartfelt thank you for your cooperation, solidarity and support over these past five years. I will always cherish your interest and support for humanitarian action, for the ICRC and for International Humanitarian Law. I sincerely hope that our paths will cross again in future.

I am confident that you will offer the same support to Joy Elyahou who will be Chargée d'Affaires until 31 October and to my successor, Philip Spoerri, who will take up his duties as Permanent Observer of ICRC to the UN in New York on November 1st 2014.

Until we meet again, we can remain in touch through wfuellemann@icrc.org

I wish you all the best in your health and your endeavours and take this opportunity to extend to you, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kind regards,

Walter A. Füllemann
Head of Delegation
Permanent Observer of the ICRC
to the United Nations

*It has been a
true honour knowing
and working with
you, Sir. Thank
you for your support.
"Vista" will remain
a fond memory, too!*