



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

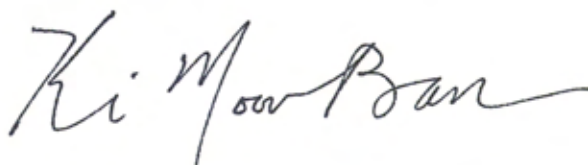
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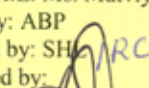
I would like to thank you for your letter dated 13 March 2012, inviting me to participate in the Fifth Nevsky International Ecological Congress entitled "Environmental Framework of Sustainable Development" to be held in St. Petersburg on 17 and 18 May 2012.

I appreciate your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I will be unable to travel to St. Petersburg to participate in the Congress, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on my schedule during the said dates. Nevertheless, I am pleased to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency  
Ms. Valentina Matviyenko  
Chairperson of the Council of  
the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member  
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