



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 January 2013

Dear Signor Pioli,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 15 January 2013.

As your term in office comes to an end, I should like to express my appreciation for your hard work at the head of the United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA) these past four years.

It has been a pleasure to interact with you as the elected President of a group whose endeavours have been vital over decades in portraying the work of the United Nations to a global audience, and never more so than today.

An independent and vibrant media is at the very core of democratic rights and ideals, and helps to ensure transparency and accountability at the United Nations and beyond.

I wish you continued success in your endeavours, and look forward to renewing our acquaintance as we all contribute to bringing news of the United Nations to audiences everywhere.

Wishing you all the best!

Yours sincerely,

Kim Jong Ban
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