

SG's trip

Note to Mr. Nambiar

(through Mr. Kim)

SG Visit to Washington: Thank you letters

Please find attached, for the Secretary-General's approval and signature, thank you letters for:

- Senator John F. Kerry
- Senator Richard G. Lugar
- Senator Joseph I. Lieberman



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Visit to Washington, DC: Thank You Letters from the Secretary-General

1. Senator John F. Kerry
2. Senator Richard G. Lugar
3. Senator Joseph I. Lieberman

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 November 2009

Dear Senator Lugar,

I would like to thank you for your active participation in our discussion earlier this month on climate change and the efforts to arrive at a deal in Copenhagen. Your personal efforts and leadership on both the United States side and the international side will be instrumental to achieving a lasting solution.

I was very pleased to hear your focus on the economic dimension of the issue. This is perhaps one of the strongest arguments for action now. Inaction would translate into a weakened economic recovery, a loss of global competitiveness, not to mention further human suffering. What we need is to agree on national and global frameworks that will unleash investments. This will do more than any single other action could do to jumpstart and sustain a global economic recovery.

As we discussed, all countries must do their share. This is a global issue and it requires a global response. At the same time, there can be no doubt that United States leadership is crucial.

Copenhagen presents us with a unique and historic opportunity to demonstrate to current and future generations that we can avert the bleak scenarios that the world's scientists have unequivocally pointed out to us. We should not waste this opportunity, and I count on your leadership and our continued collaboration in order to ensure that Copenhagen sets us on a clear course on all of the major issues surrounding the climate change challenge.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN/Ki-moon

The Honourable Richard Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 November 2009

Dear Senator Lieberman,

I would like to thank you for your encouraging words during our meeting in the United States Senate on 10 November 2009. No issue is more fundamental to geopolitical stability and long-term economic prosperity than climate change – a topic about which you and I share a common passion.

As you are well aware, the United States is a key player in the climate change debate, for the world cannot conclude an effective, ambitious, comprehensive deal without the United States. The United Nations has a distinct role to play in bringing the international community together, and I appreciated the opportunity to discuss how to bring the United States track and the international track together with you and your colleagues.

The climate change challenge will require the participation of all countries if we are to avert the scenarios that the science is warning us about. In my own efforts I will ensure that the case is made that addressing climate change can and must be a win-win situation for all countries and citizens. I appreciate all your efforts with your fellow senators to advance the framework discussed at our meeting, between now and Copenhagen.

Copenhagen offers all of us an unprecedented opportunity that will benefit current and future generations. I look forward to continued collaboration with you and the United States Government as we approach Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable Joseph I. Lieberman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 November 2009

Dear Senator Kerry,

I would like to thank you for extending me the invitation to engage with such a distinguished group of senators on climate change and the upcoming conference in Copenhagen – a topic about which you and I share a common passion. I would also like to thank you for the kind gift that you have sent to me, which I very much appreciate as a reminder of the productive meeting with you and your colleagues.

The United Nations has a central role to play in bringing the international community together and the United States has a distinct leadership role to play. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss how to harmonize the international negotiations and the United States legislative process with you and your colleagues.

There is no doubt that United States leadership is crucial in solving the climate predicament. But all countries need to do their part if we are to avert the scenarios that science is warning us about. Together, we can move the world economy onto a greener, more sustainable path.

I look forward to continued collaboration with you and the United States Government as we approach Copenhagen. Copenhagen will be pivotal in supplying the fundamental agreement on the issues that will provide the basis for a legally binding treaty. I look forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable John F. Kerry
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.