



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SG's trip

1 July 2009

Excellency,

I am writing to express my appreciation to you and the Government of Italy for the warm hospitality extended to my delegation and me during my recent visit to Trieste.

The meeting of G8 Foreign Ministers you chaired on Afghanistan and the regional dimension was a valuable initiative to bring greater coherence to our efforts in that important region, and I appreciated the opportunity to exchange views in that regard. I also wish to thank your Government for having facilitated a meeting of the Middle East Quartet, as well as a meeting with our Arab partners. These meetings helped fortify the emerging consensus on the way forward in the Middle East.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the delightful Gala dinner you hosted at the Castello di Miramare, and for the generous, effective, and efficient arrangements organized by your Ministry. I wish in particular to express my gratitude to Messrs Fabrizio Petri, Fabrizio Lobasso, and Lorenzo Trapassi, as well as to Ms. Livia Apa of Gruppo Triumph, for their dedicated assistance throughout our stay.

I look forward to continuing our close cooperation in the period ahead.

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

*Ban Ki-moon*  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Franco Frattini  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Italy  
Rome

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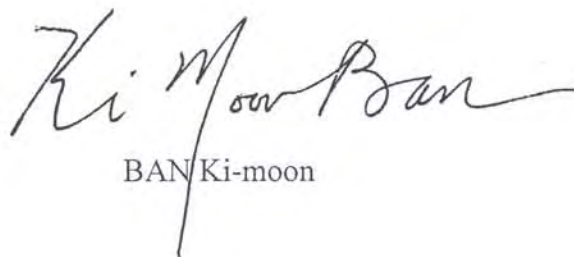
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Excellency,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your kind assistance in ensuring the success of my recent visit to Trieste to participate in meetings of the Middle East Quartet and of the G8 Foreign Ministers on Afghanistan. I am glad to report that these meetings allowed us to make useful strides on both of these challenging issues.

I greatly appreciate your efforts in facilitating my travel and work, as well as that of the members of my delegation. I have written to Foreign Minister Frattini to thank him for having chaired the meeting on Afghanistan and for having hosted a delightful Gala dinner at the Castello di Miramar.

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

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata  
Permanent Representative of Italy  
to the United Nations  
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you would kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

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Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

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Mr. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata  
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Dear Ms. Saidy,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

Ms. Deborah Saidy  
Director of the World Food Programme  
New York Liaison Office  
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1 July 2009

Dear Ms. Sheeran,

I am writing to thank you for having helped to ensure that my recent visit to Italy was a successful one. As you know, my delegation and I travelled to Trieste to participate in meetings of the Middle East Quartet and of the G8 Foreign Ministers on Afghanistan. I am glad to report that these meetings allowed us to make useful strides forward on both of these challenging issues.

In particular, I would like to express my gratitude to you for having so kindly assigned Ms. Janine D'Angelo to assist us. She graciously and very efficiently provided excellent organizational support to us on short notice. In doing so, she provided yet another reminder of the professionalism, efficiency, and diligence with which World Food Programme staff pursue their mission worldwide. Kindly convey to her my heartfelt appreciation for this assistance.

Yours sincerely,

*Ki Moon Ban*  
BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Josette Sheeran  
Executive Director  
World Food Programme  
Rome





THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1 July 2009

Dear Mr. Benvenuti,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the staff of the Grand Hotel Duchi D'Aosta for the excellent service and support that my delegation and I enjoyed during our recent visit to Trieste to participate in meetings of the Middle East Quartet and of the G8 Foreign Ministers on Afghanistan.

Thank you for the gracious and efficient arrangements put in place for our stay on very short notice, as well as for the warm hospitality so kindly extended to us. The support provided by you and your staff helped to make my visit both a successful and a pleasant one.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Alex Benvenuti  
General Manager  
Grand Hotel Duchi D'Aosta  
Trieste

**4 THANK YOU LETTERS FOR SG'S SIGNATURE  
CONCERNING THE SG'S TRIP TO TRIESTE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS  
OF THE MIDDLE EAST QUARTEET AND OF THE G8 FOREIGN MINISTERS  
ON AFGHANISTAN**

1. His Excellency Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy;
2. His Excellency Mr. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations New York;
3. Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director of the World Food Programme; and
4. Mr. Alex Benvenuti, General Manager of the Grand Hotel Duchi D'Aosta, Trieste.

Drafter: EOSG Political Unit

Proofread by: JL/SH

Approved by:

Date: 1 July 2009

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To: Mr. Nambiar

Please find attached for your approval and the SG's signature, 4 letters addressed to the FM and PR of Italy, WFP Executive Director Sheeran and the General Manager of the Grand Hotel Duchi D'Aosta thanking them for their assistance during the SG's recent trip to Trieste to attend the meetings of the Middle East Quartet and of the G8 FMs on Afghanistan.

  
Nicholas Haysom  
1 July 2009

cc: KWS

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