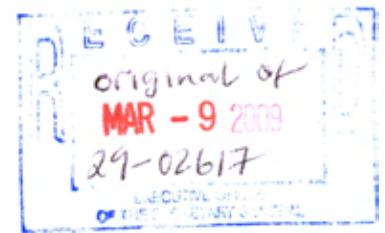




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His Excellency
BAN Ki-Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York

Helsinki, 24 February 2009

Dear Secretary General

I would like to thank you for your letter dated January 26, 2009, regarding the situation in Haiti.

I completely share your assessment and concerns of the precarious situation of the country and the urgent need for an international response in assistance to Haiti. I also appreciate and took note of the evaluation and practical proposals for immediate action by the international community presented by Professor Paul Gollier, on your assignment, in his report annexed to your letter.

The main channels of Finnish assistance to Haiti are the programmes of the United Nations and the European Union. Finland is also supporting some development projects in Haiti through Finnish and Haitian non-governmental organisations.

Currently, we are exploring possibilities to promote the cultivation of *jathropa curgha* oil seed plant in Haiti as part of the Central American Energy Partnership Programme initiated and supported by Finland. This would benefit the local farmers in the form of income generation and, on the other hand, contribute to the urgently needed reforestation and preventing soil erosion.

I have also asked my Minister for Foreign Trade and International Cooperation and his staff at the Foreign Ministry to pay special attention to the needs of Haiti.

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

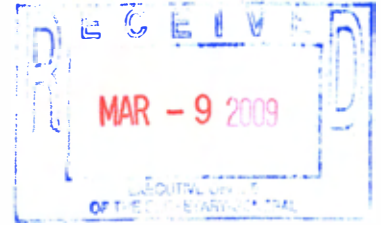
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Excellency,

I have the honour to forward a letter dated 24 February 2009 from H.E. Mr. Matti Vanhanen, Prime Minister of Finland, regarding the situation in Haiti.

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

Kirsti Lintonen
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Finland
to the United Nations