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17 September 2009

His Excellency BAN Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
The United Nations  
New York

Dear Secretary-General,

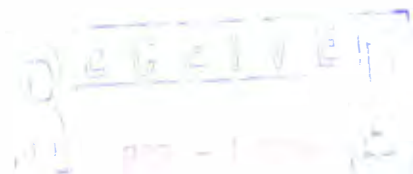
In my capacity as the Chair of the Fourth Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (“the Contact Group”) held on 10 September, I have the pleasure in sending this letter regarding the outcome of the meeting.

The Contact Group approved the attached Terms of Reference of an International Trust Fund supporting initiatives of the Contact Group.

The overall purpose of the trust fund is to help defray the expenses associated with prosecution of suspected pirates, as well as other activities related to implementing the Contact Group’s objectives regarding combating piracy in all its aspects.

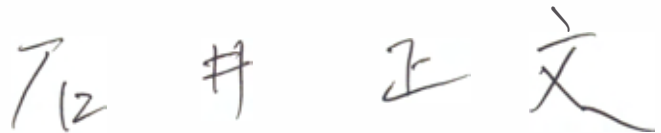
In keeping with your previous offer to administer and manage such a fund, the Contact Group has kindly requested that you engage in the process leading to the implementation, at the earliest opportunity, of the Terms of Reference. In this connection, I would note that the Department of Political Affairs UN has already undertaken extensive preliminary consultations with regard to the modalities.

The establishment of this Trust Fund will create an important mechanism enabling the Contact Group, of which the United Nations remains a key participant, to carry out the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council in resolution 1851 (2008). It shall also expand the current possibilities available to States and relevant industry to make tangible contributions to combat piracy off the Coast of Somalia. Specifically in this regard, initiatives funded by the Fund will be coordinated, as appropriate, through the International Maritime Organization (IMO).



As Chairman of the Contact Group, I wish to thank you for your personal support and the role played by the United Nations in combating piracy off the Coast of Somalia in all its aspects.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Forth Meeting of the Contact Group  
on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia,  
Ambassador, Deputy Director-General  
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

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