



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SG to Mr. SHII  
Re: Response World Conference  
Atomic & Hydrogen Bombs  
Drafter: ODA  
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Dear Mr. Shii,

I write to thank you for your letter of 20 August 2011 regarding the recent World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs and the Phnom Penh Declaration adopted by the International Conference of the Asian Political Parties in December 2010.

While I was unable to attend the World Conference, I am pleased to learn that you had an opportunity to meet with the United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte, to discuss efforts by Member States and civil society stakeholders working together for nuclear disarmament.

As Secretary-General, I will continue to use every opportunity to raise awareness as to the true costs and dangers of nuclear weapons, and I am grateful for your pledge to do your part in our mutual aspiration to realize a world free of nuclear weapons.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

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