



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

21 February 2008

Dear Mr. Menkerios,

I write to convey my profound condolences upon the death of your daughter. Such a brutal bereavement must surely bring the deepest grief imaginable -- especially when the loss of such a young person unjustly deprives her family of the many more years she should have spent with you. Words, therefore, must be of little solace at this time.

But please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. I pray that you may find strength and courage to bear this blow, which strikes all of us as incomprehensible and unfair. And I hope you will take all the time you need for yourself and your loved ones.

If there is any assistance I can offer, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ki-moon', is written over the printed name 'Ban Ki-moon'. The signature is stylized and fluid.
Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Haile Menkerios
New York