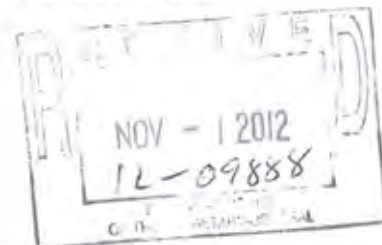




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Bogotá, 29 October 2012

Dear Secretary-General,

It is with deep regret that I write to inform you that unfortunately I am no longer able to attend the second meeting of the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda due to take place in London. Last week, I was diagnosed with a respiratory affliction and have been advised by my doctors against air travel until my full recovery.

As you know, I assign the utmost priority to the Panel's work and thus, have asked my adviser, Paula Caballero, who will represent me on this occasion, to keep me abreast of all your deliberations and exchanges.

I have studied the documents provided by the Secretariat as well as the submissions from colleagues, and would appreciate the chance to share my perspectives with you. Therefore I kindly, and exceptionally, request that my adviser be allowed to read a brief statement on my behalf during the morning session of 1st November. I would also be grateful if you could consider the possibility that I join at least one of the sessions via videoconference or Skype. ✓

Please rest assured that I remain committed to the Panel's work and to actively participating in its discussions over the coming months.

Most sincerely,


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