

SG to President of Cyprus
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

23 May 2014

Excellency,

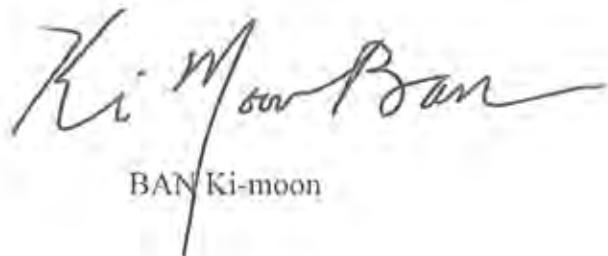
I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 April 2014 expressing the appreciation of the Government and the people of Cyprus for the role played by the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) over the past 50 years in preventing a recurrence of conflict and contributing to the overall maintenance of law, order and stability.

As you note in your letter, the 50th anniversary of UNFICYP is an occasion to pay tribute to the over 100,000 women and men from 32 different countries who served as peacekeepers in Cyprus, and to the 184 individuals who lost their lives in the service of peace on the island. Their contribution, service and sacrifice are worthy of the highest praise, and I am very thankful for the support of their respective governments.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Government of Cyprus for your continued support for UNFICYP, which embodies the international community's continuing security engagement on the island. Although UNFICYP has been widely recognized as a successful peacekeeping operation, we will welcome the day when its presence is no longer needed. To this end, I greatly appreciate your commitment to reaching a comprehensive solution to the Cyprus issue as soon as possible.

The United Nations remains dedicated to helping Cypriots reach a mutually agreed settlement, including through the continued efforts of my Acting Special Adviser and Special Representative as well as my good offices mission in Cyprus.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Nicos Anastasiades
President of the Republic of Cyprus
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