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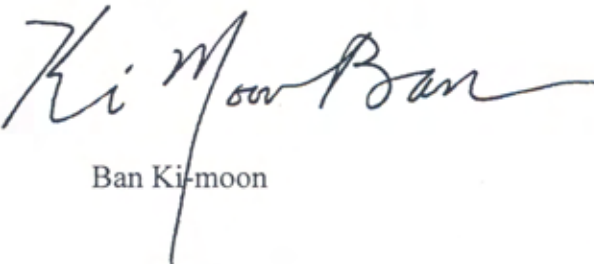
Dear Mr. Casals,

I write to thank you, and through you, all United Nations staff in Addis Ababa, for the warm welcome you gave me on my recent visit there.

I was delighted to have met so many colleagues in Addis Ababa so soon after taking office and to have been able to share with you my views and priorities for the Organization, as well as for the staff. I was also grateful to have had the opportunity to seek your continued and excellent support to the crucial work of the United Nations in Africa and in the world more broadly.

As I said in Addis, I believe in dialogue and look forward in the days ahead to hearing your views on ways to strengthen our Organization to better serve our Member States and to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,


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