



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 January 2009

Dear Mr. Chissano,

I was delighted to meet with you on 16 December 2008 and wish to reiterate my appreciation of the open exchange of views that we shared on the peace process between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and recent military developments in the region.

I understand that Members of the Security Council unanimously commended you for your critical contribution to the peace process. I would like to echo their appreciation by commending you for your outstanding achievements. You have successfully discharged your mandate by securing the signing of all agenda items in March 2008 after two years of difficult negotiations. Security has returned to Northern Uganda and Southern Sudan with significant improvement on the socio-economic front. You have succeeded in creating an unprecedented opportunity to secure lasting peace with the LRA. I am sincerely grateful for the aforementioned achievements.

As you are fully aware, a lot remains to be done. The peace process is at a critical juncture. As you briefed me, the joint military attack carried out on 14 December 2008 by the armies of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Uganda and Southern Sudan is designed to put pressure on Mr. Joseph Kony to assemble in Ri-Kwangba and sign the Final Peace Agreement.

I am therefore requesting that you consider continuing your involvement with the Northern Uganda political process, through 30 June 2009, in order to help the parties sign the Final Peace Agreement. This would also enable the countries in the region to address the current challenges. It is essential, in my view, to continue to build on the momentum created in Juba in order to restore peace in Northern Uganda and the subregion. I sincerely hope that I can count on your continued involvement and determination to bring about lasting peace and stability in Northern Uganda and the neighbouring countries affected by the activities of the LRA.

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As we await the conclusion of the military action, I wish to reaffirm the intention of the United Nations to remain engaged in this process. I therefore extend to you my full support as well as that of the Secretariat and the United Nations family as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

BAN Ki-moon