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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
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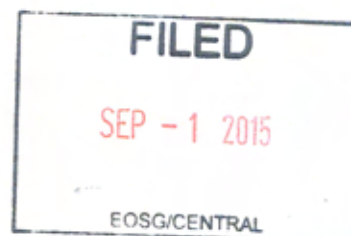
Dear Excellency,

Austria has established itself as a committed UN member state in various fields. Since its first engagement in UN Peacekeeping Operations in 1960, Austria has deployed more than 100.000 military and civil personnel in peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

Austria is well aware of its responsibility in contributing to international peace and security and will therefore aim to strengthen its efforts in this regard.

At the same time I must follow the call of the Austrian population, the long tradition of our neutrality and my own obligations, to protect the military and civilian personnel serving abroad in the best manner possible.

This requires to some extent certain precautionary measures and constraints concerning our engagement.



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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Having regard to the above, I am writing to you with respect to the recent visit of the Austrian Chief of Defence to the UN Headquarters in New York. I am told that Representatives of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations expressed their concerns with my decision of maintaining certain caveats in UN-led operations.

I would be delighted to hear your opinion on my decision's acceptability regarding this matter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, likely belonging to a high-ranking official.