

14 July 2010

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I applaud the African Union for ensuring that increased commitment at the highest level has been built to tackle this critical issue. The Continental Framework for Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, the Maputo Plan of Action, the African Health Strategy and the Campaign for Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality are all testimony to the leadership of the African Union in improving the health of women and children.

With only five years to our deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, 2010 presents a critical opportunity to assess and strengthen our collective endeavour. This is why I have initiated a global, high-level effort to bring all stakeholders together in support of work to improve women's and children's health.

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His/Her Excellency
Mr./Ms.
Title
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Your leadership remains critical to our collective success. I hope that you will join me in September at the MDG Summit, where together we can move decisively to make 2010 a historical turning point for current and future generations.

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


BAN Ki-moon



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His Excellency

Mr. ...

Head of State/Prime Minister of ... [Name of country]

[Capital]

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to its high destination.

..... A copy of the letter is attached, for your information.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Nambiar".

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. ...
Permanent Representative of ...
to the United Nations
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Letters to Heads of State in priority countries outside Africa where the UN country teams will facilitate discussions on the Joint Action Plan:

1. His Excellency
Mr. Hâmid **Karzai**
President of the Islamic Republic of
Afghanistan
2. His Excellency
Mr. Zillur **Rahman**
President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
3. His Excellency
Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo **Hun Sen**
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
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Mr. René Garcia **Préval**
President of the Republic of Haiti
5. Her Excellency
Mrs. Pratibha **Patil**
President of the Republic of India
6. His Excellency
Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal
Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
7. His Excellency
Mr. Asif Ali **Zardari**
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
And
8. His Excellency
Mr. Syed Yousaf Raza **Gillani**
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
9. His Excellency
Mr. Ali Abdullah **Saleh**
President of the Republic of Yemen

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