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His Excellency Mr Ban Ki Moon
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December 26, 2015

Dear Mr. Secretary-General;

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to intervene as the representative of the insurance sector, at the the High-Level Event on Resilience on November 30th during COP21 conference, when you launched the A2R Framework. I also would like to congratulate you for the landmark agreement reached at the Paris Climate Conference. Under your leadership, 2015 has indeed been a pivotal year in furthering the international policy dialogue on disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change adaptation and mitigation and interlinkages with poverty alleviation.

Today, I am addressing you in my capacity as the Chairman of the Board of the Geneva Association, the international insurance Association, whose members are 78 Chief Executive Officers of the world's leading (re)insurance companies that together represent gross written premiums in excess of US\$1.7tn, approximately two thirds of the premium volume worldwide. The Geneva Association has also achieved an unprecedented industry consensus through its climate statement, signed by 68 CEOs and issued on 19 November 2015. As you know the insurance industry has played a critical role in helping the nations build economic resilience in face of catastrophes, yet, today, far too few of the world's people benefit from the resilience offered by risk sharing and transfer schemes.

During this year, we have also witnessed the launch of other important initiatives such as the Global Infrastructure Facility and Disaster risk Financing and Insurance Program of the World Bank Group; the G7 InsuResilience, the Lloyd's Disaster Risk Financing Facility and preliminary discussions about the Insurance Development Forum. The A2R framework combined with these offers unprecedented opportunities to engage the leaders of the industry to find the best path that could leap forward the implementation of the resilience and development agendas.

Building on this momentum, I welcome the opportunity for a brief meeting with you in January of 2016, to discuss how to best leverage what the insurance industry can offer. I also will have the opportunity to revert to the leading CEOs of our industry during our Board meeting on 2nd of February.

Ms. Anna Maria D'Hulster, the Secretary General of the Geneva Association will be in contact with your office, to determine a meeting at your convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike McGavick
Chairman of the Board of the Geneva Association
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