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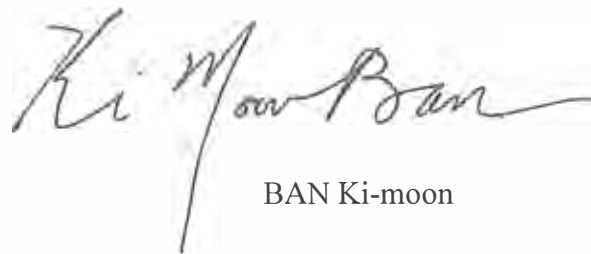
Your Majesty,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2015, inviting me to participate in the meeting of the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa, to be held in Amman from 21 to 23 May 2015.

I appreciate the kind invitation to this important event addressing, in particular, the imperatives and challenges of youth unemployment in the Middle East and North African region. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend the meeting, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on my schedule during the said period.

Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my deep appreciation for the commitment of the Kingdom of Jordan in helping to address the numerous humanitarian, security and development challenges, including the need to empower the youth, one of the region's most substantial assets.

Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

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