



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 December 2007

Dear Mr. Koenigs,

On the occasion of the end of your assignment with the United Nations, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of your work as my Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA). It is with regret that I accept your letter of resignation dated 17 September 2007, informing me of your wish to curtail your appointment by six weeks, effective 31 December 2007.

Since taking up your responsibilities in February 2006, you have made an invaluable contribution in helping Afghanistan to progress on its path to stability and sustainable development. Your tireless efforts to launch and serve as co-chair of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board in support of the Compact for Afghanistan and the Afghan National Development Strategy, as well as the strengthening of Provincial Development Committees and Plans, are well noted.

I also wish to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that Afghanistan remains high on the international agenda and fostering regional cooperation, including through your regular visits to key capitals and neighbours of Afghanistan.

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for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations  
Assistance Mission in Afghanistan  
Kabul

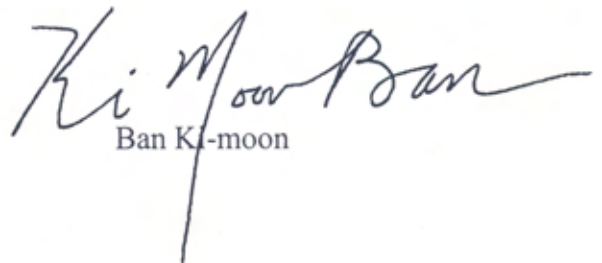
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Important gains have been made during your tenure, throughout which UNAMA worked in partnership with the Government of Afghanistan to strengthen national institutions and to promote respect for the rule of law and human rights. Your advocacy for the protection of civilians led to a revision of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) procedures in this regard, undoubtedly saving lives and exemplifying what the United Nations stands for. Finally, and not least, you have been an effective manager of one of the most challenging United Nations integrated missions.

I trust the Organization will be able to count on your continued support to the principles of the United Nations. Thank you for the excellent work and best wishes in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,



Ban Ki-moon