

Lebanon

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

11 November 2010

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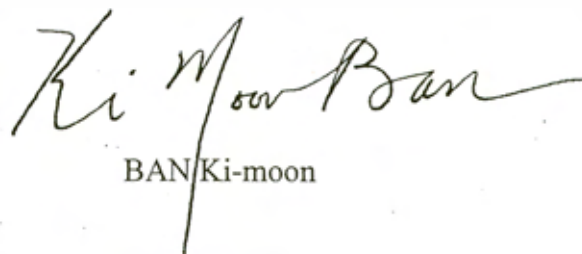
I am writing to express my personal gratitude and the appreciation of the United Nations for the strong and continued support of the Government of Lebanon to the United Nations.

In particular, I am thankful for the provision of the present United Nations House in Beirut and the decision, in May 2009, by the Council of Ministers to allocate dedicated land for the construction of a new United Nations House in Dbayeh.

Since that decision, the United Nations, led by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Council for Development and Reconstruction, have worked together to prepare the detailed requirements of the **new** United Nations House. I am aware that these requirements have been submitted to the Council of Ministers for its approval.

I am confident that under your leadership, a positive decision by the Council of Ministers can be secured at the earliest opportunity. Such a decision will be critical in expediting the process for the construction of the new United Nations House so that the project can be completed at the earliest possible date.

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


BAN/Ki-moon

His Excellency
General Michel Sleiman
President of the Republic of Lebanon
Baabda

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency General Michel Sleiman, President of the Republic of Lebanon.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Nawaf Salam
Permanent Mission of Lebanon
to the United Nations
New York

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Letter of Acknowledgement

In reference to the agreement by the Council of Ministers on 26 May 2009 to allocate to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) the plots numbered 875 to 920 included, in addition to plot number 928, from the properties owned by the Lebanese State in the area of Dbayeh, for the purpose of building a United Nations Common Headquarters in Lebanon.

In reference to the agreement by the Council of Ministers on 31 March 2010 to (a) request the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) to assign a consultant to advise on the building of the United Nations Common Headquarters in Lebanon in the area of Dbayeh, and (b) commission the Investment ~~Development~~ Authority of Lebanon to process, expedite and follow up on the necessary relevant transactions.

It is further understood that Government of Lebanon proposes to construct and provide facilities for a new common **compound** on the newly allocated land based on the United Nations requirement as provided to the CDR by ESCWA on 1 June 2010. Additionally, it is understood that, on 23 July 2010, the CDR requested that the issue of the United Nations Common Headquarters in the area of **Dbayeh** was to be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval and that the construction project would proceed subsequent to such approval.

The United Nations is grateful for the aforementioned contribution and understands that the arrangements relating to the building of a United Nations Common Headquarters in **the** area of Dbayeh would be subject to the conclusion of an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Lebanon. I should be grateful for the Government's confirmation that, following the approval by the Council of Ministers of the financing and arrangements for the project, a Memorandum of Understanding will be concluded.



David L. Iyamah, Director
Administrative Services Division
ESCWA

Acknowledgement by the Government of Lebanon

It is confirmed that the proposed arrangements with respect to the building of the United Nations Common Headquarters in the area of Dbayeh are agreeable to the Government of Lebanon.

Date _____

Signature _____

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express the appreciation of the United Nations for the support that the Government of Lebanon has provided and continues to provide to the United Nations. In particular, the provision of the present United Nations House in Beirut and the proposal for the construction of the new United Nations House.

In this regard, may I also thank you for the decision in May 2009 by the Council of Ministers to allocate land for the construction of a new UN House in Dbayeh. Since the decision, the United Nations, led by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) have worked together to prepare the detailed requirements of the new UN House. Those requirements have since been presented to the Council of Ministers for their approval.

It is in this regard, that I request your support in attaining the positive decision of the Council of Ministers. It is important that the work of the new UN House begin quickly so that the project can be completed at the earliest possible date. Any and all efforts on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General

Cc: Rima Khalaf
Michael Williams