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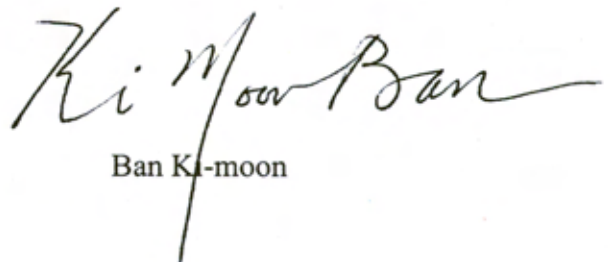
Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 19 January 2007, inviting me to designate a high-level representative to attend a meeting on Afghanistan at NATO Headquarters on 26 January 2007.

My Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), Tom Koenigs, will represent the United Nations at the meeting.

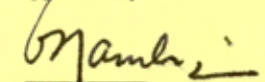
As noted in your letter, 2007 will indeed be a crucial year for all who are involved in promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan. Strengthening the partnerships between the Government of Afghanistan and all international partners who are engaged there – the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the World Bank and key donors – will be essential. As UNAMA has a lead role in the coordination of many activities in the country, I am certain that my Special Representative will be able to contribute substantially to the discussion on the political and operational picture of the way ahead.

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

  
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