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Your Majesty,

I write to you on behalf of the United Nations International School (UNIS), seeking your guidance and support. I thank you for your generous contributions towards the Arabic programme at the school.

Under the Royal Patronage of Your Majesty, the Sultanate of Oman has become a world leader in promoting and nurturing education at all levels. Education is the key to the creation of wealth and jobs through the promotion of economic freedom and opportunity. In order to fulfil this essential goal for the future, a new generation of global citizens is required; one that learns through an international education and which is culturally diverse.

UNIS provides this opportunity to children from more than 120 countries, speaking as many as 90 mother tongues. Created in 1947 for children from the United Nations community, with the active support of the United Nations, UNIS has educated global citizens for more than 60 years. The United Nations diplomatic community relies upon the School to provide an outstanding international education, while maintaining each student's own cultural and linguistic traditions.

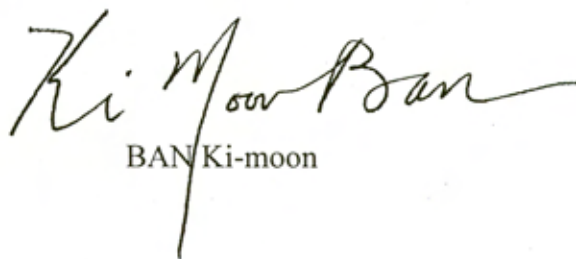
Today, the School is in urgent need of support for building renovations, scholarship funding, and new programme initiatives. To that end, a group of 24 member States co-sponsored a resolution urging members of the United Nations General Assembly to support the School. This resolution, entitled "Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction", was adopted without a vote in December 2008. I have attached a copy of the resolution for your review.

His Majesty  
Sultan Qaboos Bin Said  
Muscat

I am working with a small group of Honorary and current Trustees of the School to speak to Member States concerning UNIS and its current needs. The School is unique, and plays a vital role in training tomorrow's world leaders. To quote the resolution: "Recognizing also the high academic standards that the School has established as a premier international school recognized for its leadership in multicultural and multilingual education, and that it is a crucible of multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism which promotes the appreciation of diverse cultural capacities."

Your Majesty appreciates the value of education and you have shown great leadership in promoting access to education for every child. On behalf of the United Nations, I am seeking your support for UNIS, which exemplifies the values we all share.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

**SG's letter to Sultan of Oman  
requesting support for UNIS**

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