

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 September 2011


Excellency,

Further to the recent attack on the United Nations compound in Nigeria, I would like to reiterate the Organization's sincere gratitude for the extensive support deployed by the Government of Nigeria in the recovery efforts. We are pleased to note the solidarity displayed by all partners in ensuring that assistance was promptly offered to the victims of this terrible tragedy.

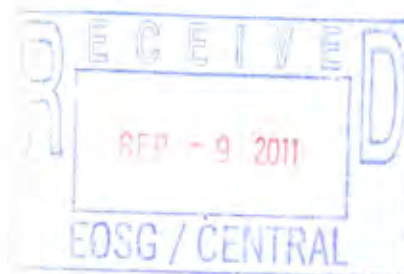
To ensure that the United Nations fully resumes its activities in Nigeria as soon as possible, I would welcome the continued support of your Government in the reconstruction efforts. At this critical stage, we hope that the Government of Nigeria could help us in securing temporary offices for the United Nations agencies. In addition, rebuilding the United Nations House would be symbolically important in highlighting the sustained engagement of the United Nations in the country as well as send a clear message of the Government's resolve. The recent discussions that you held with Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, have also highlighted the need to rapidly re-establish functional offices.

I want to assure you that the United Nations is fully committed to continuing its work in Nigeria. The recent events will not deter us from supporting the Government in improving the lives of the poor and promoting sustainable development. I do look forward to a strong partnership with the Government of Nigeria in pursuit of this important mission.

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


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