



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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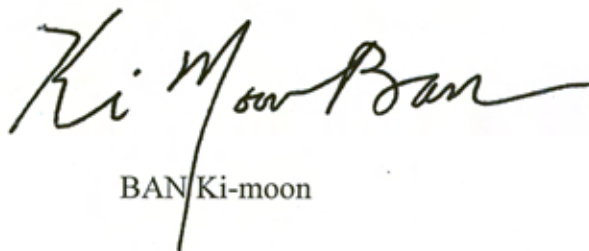
Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 13 August 2013 inviting me to deliver a keynote address at the eighth edition of the European Development Days, to be held in Brussels on 26 and 27 November 2013.

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to take part in the event owing to prior commitments and pressing demands on my schedule during the said period. However, in view of its importance, I am pleased to inform you that I have designated Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, to represent me at this event and deliver a message to participants on my behalf. The office of Mr. Eliasson will be in contact with your office to discuss the details of his participation in this event.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission
Brussels

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