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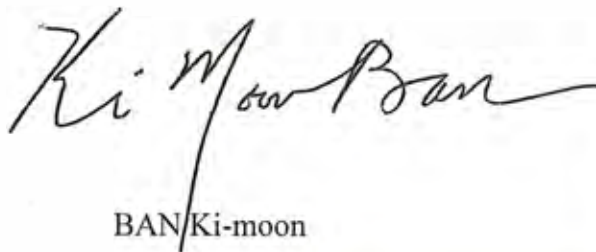
Dear Mr. Dangote,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the improvement of global education and, in particular, for my Global Education First Initiative (GEFI), which you helped to launch in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2012. I am very encouraged by your acceptance to serve on the GEFI High-level Steering Committee and I warmly welcome you.

Your commitment and strategic guidance in this role will help us to strengthen support from private sector leaders and champions like Malala Yousafzai, towards universal education initiatives around the world. In addition, we welcome your expertise and advice in our plans to boost political and financial commitments to quality education worldwide, and spur strategic partnerships between public and private sectors on ways to take forward the unprecedented momentum for global education that Malala, Mr. Gordon Brown, the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, and you, have helped to generate.

I look forward to your strong leadership and support in reaching our ambitious goal to achieve the universal right to quality education for all.

Yours sincerely,


BAN/Ki-moon

Mr. Aliko Dangote, GCON
President and Chief Executive Officer
Dangote Group
Lagos



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**Note to the Chef de Cabinet
(through the Deputy Secretary-General)**

Acknowledgement letter from the Secretary-General to Mr. Aliko Dangote

Please find attached for your consideration and approval, a reply letter from the Secretary-General to Mr. Aliko Dangote, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dangote Group, acknowledging Mr. Dangote's letter dated 27 October 2014.



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October 27, 2014

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon

United Nations Secretary-General
760 United Nations Plaza, New York,
New York 10017,
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Your Excellency,

CONGRATULATIONS

I write to congratulate you on the emergence of Malala Yousafzai as one of the two recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014. Malala has come to symbolise courage and hope for the less-privileged children around the world. Her stance on the truth even at great danger to her life is highly commendable and worthy of emulation.

However, you also deserve special recognition and commendation because of your commitment to the advancement of education globally. Working together with Mr. Gordon Brown, the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, you have committed to providing quality education for all by the end of 2015.

I identify with your broad vision of making education a priority for all the countries in the world. That is why I accepted the invitation to serve in advisory capacity on the UN Secretary General's Education First Board as a representative from business. I believe we should all join hands together to eradicate illiteracy. Malala's Nobel Peace Prize serves as a fillip to accomplishing far-reaching results in this quest.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours Sincerely,

ALI KO DANGOTE, GCON
President/Chief Executive

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