

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

18 June 2015

Dear President Mahama,

I should like to express my gratitude to you personally, and to your Government, for your leadership in the global Ebola response. The closure this month of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) Headquarters in Accra, Ghana, marks a critical juncture in which significant progress has been made to bring the outbreak under control. UNMEER has, consequently, began the process of transitioning its functions to the United Nations country teams in the affected countries.

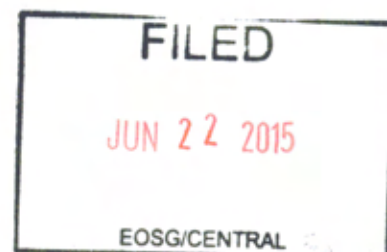
I appreciate and commend you and your Government's courage and generosity from the outset in agreeing to host the UNMEER Headquarters in Ghana, especially at a time of palpable fear within the region and globally about the spread of Ebola. This was a true testament to the strength of regional solidarity. Thanks to the leadership of your Government, UNMEER has benefited from a well-situated Headquarters and the ability to deploy quickly into the affected countries. As the only open gateway to the affected countries, Ghana played a critical and decisive enabling role in the progress that has been achieved in allowing the movement of thousands of Ebola responders and an influx of medical and essential supplies when they were needed most. I also want to thank you for your proactive role in strengthening regional resolve as ECOWAS Chairman.

Moving forward, we must think carefully about what lessons to draw from this crisis to strengthen public health infrastructure and crisis response mechanisms to withstand future outbreaks of infectious diseases. I thank you, together with the leaders of Germany and Norway, for your leadership in spearheading the High-Level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises. The Panel's important work is ongoing, with the findings due to me by the end of the year. I expect that these will inform our collective efforts to translate lessons learned from this crisis into meaningful preventative action. I trust I can look forward to a continued strong, collaborative partnership with Ghana in this regard.

His Excellency
Mr. John Dramani Mahama
President of the Republic of Ghana
Accra

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While the Ebola outbreak is not over and we must continue to persevere until we get to and stay at zero cases in the region, focus must also begin to turn towards supporting the Governments of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to recover and return to a path of sustainable development. I hope that you will join me on 10 July 2015 in New York at the International Ebola Recovery Conference that I will convene in order to galvanise support for the recovery plans of the countries concerned.

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

*With deep appreciation and
the best wishes to you and Ghana,*

Ban Ki-moon
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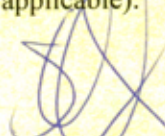
The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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


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Chef de Cabinet

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