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MESSAGE FOR "STRIVING TOGETHER:  
ASEAN AND THE UNITED NATIONS",  
PUBLISHED BY THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION  
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The United Nations and ASEAN have long shared a determination to build a more stable and prosperous world. Over the years, our organizations have worked together on many important economic and social development programmes across South-East Asia, from controlling communicable diseases to building extensive networks for international transport. In May 2008, in joining forces to respond quickly and effectively to the devastation left by Cyclone Nargis, we also demonstrated that we can work closely together at a time of crisis to save many lives in a complex and difficult environment.

I therefore welcome the publication of *Striving Together: ASEAN and the United Nations*. This report details the many ways in which the United Nations and ASEAN are trying to strengthen and deepen our partnership. I am strongly committed to building on our achievements and exploring new areas of cooperation, and in that spirit commend this report to a wide readership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban".

BAN Ki-moon

28-13492




Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO

21/11/2008 09:18 AM

To Srinivas Tata/BKK/UNO@ESCAP@UN-MAILHUB

cc Yuenwah San/BKK/UNO@ESCAP, Nathan  
Henninger/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Josiane  
Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ

bcc

Subject Message of the SG for the publication "Striving Together:  
ASEAN and the United Nations" 

Dear Srinivas,

Please find attached an approved text.

Best regards.  
Ruxandra



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Srinivas Tata/BKK/UNO@ESCAP



Srinivas

Tata/BKK/UNO@ESCAP

19/11/2008 08:11 PM

To Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ@UN-MAILHUB

cc

Subject Re: Message of the SG for the publication "Striving Together:  
ASEAN and the United Nations" 

Dear Ruxandra,

Thank you very much for your email. The final version is ready to go to print. We would appreciate your cooperation and understanding in sending us the approved version as soon as possible.

Best regards

Srinivas

Ruxandra Ferascu

----- Original Message -----

From: Ruxandra Ferascu

Sent: 19/11/2008 16:22 EST

To: Srinivas Tata

Cc: Yuenwah San; Nathan Henninger/NY/UNO@UNHQ

Subject: Message of the SG for the publication "Striving Together: ASEAN  
and the United Nations"

Dear Srinivas,

Your request has reached the speechwriting unit. We will provide a message from the Secretary-General for the publication. Kindly, let us know which is your deadline for receiving the approved message.

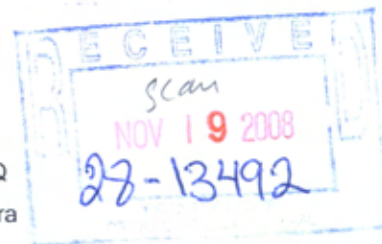
Kind regards.

Ruxandra

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Srinivas  
Tata/BKK/UNO@ESCAP  
18/11/2008 10:37 PM

To Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
cc Yuenwah San/BKK/UNO, Ruxandra  
Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
bcc

Subject Message of the SG for the publication "Striving Together:  
ASEAN and the United Nations"

Dear Josiane,

Please refer to the message below from Ms. Noeleen Heyzer seeking approval of EOSG for the message of the SG for the above publication, which is being prepared for the ASEAN-UN summit.

I would be grateful if you could facilitate the early approval of the message. A word version of the message is attached for your easy reference.

With warm regards,

Srinivas

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----- Forwarded by Srinivas Tata/BKK/UNO on 19/11/2008 10:23 -----

Noeleen Heyzer/BKK/UNO

11/11/2008 19:36

To Vijay Nambiar/NY/UNO@UNHQ

cc Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Nanda  
Krairiksh/BKK/UNO@ESCAP

Subject Note from Ms. Noeleen Heyzer to Mr. Vijay Nambiar



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## Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The United Nations and ASEAN have long shared the same aspirations – for peaceful social and economic development. For this purpose, over the years we have worked together on many important programmes across South-East Asia, from the control of communicable diseases to building extensive networks for international transport. And in May 2008, in joining forces to respond to the devastation left by Cyclone Nargis, we also demonstrated that we can work closely together at a time of crisis – responding quickly and effectively to save many lives in a complex and difficult environment.

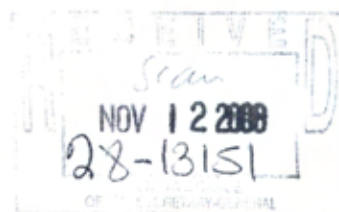
The Third Summit between ASEAN and the United Nations in December 2008 will enable us to build on these achievements and explore ways of carrying that momentum forward into new areas of cooperation.

I welcome therefore the publication of this report, *Striving Together: ASEAN and the United Nations*, a title which aptly captures the determination of both the UN and ASEAN to align many different institutions, national and regional, behind a set of common principles and goals, and to strengthen and deepen our partnership to strive for a more stable and prosperous world.



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**Note to Mr. Vijay Nambiar**

**UN-ASEAN Summit**

As you are aware, ESCAP has been requested by the Chair of ASEAN (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand) to serve as the focal point from the UN side at the regional level for the ASEAN-UN summit.

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs over the past six months. We were contacted by them today in order to provide an update on the summit preparations as follows:

- a) The ASEAN-UN summit has been rescheduled from 18 December to 17 December, and the venue would be the Shangri-La Hotel in Chiang Mai. The summit is proposed to be held from 11:45 hours to 12:45 hours, followed by a working lunch from 12:45 hours to 1400 hours.
- b) The working lunch would be attended by all the ASEAN heads of State and the ASEAN Secretary-General, and from the UN's side the lunch would be attended by the Secretary-General (SG) and four members of his team. After the working lunch, all the heads of State will fly to Bangkok for an audience with His Majesty, the King of Thailand.
- c) The Government of Thailand has reserved accommodation for the SG and his delegation at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Chiangmai.

I have been invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 14 November 2008 for a briefing on the preparations for the summit. Please let me know if there are any specific issues you would want raised at this meeting.

ESCAP, as chair of the Regional Coordination Mechanism, has prepared a comprehensive report in collaboration with all UN and specialized agencies to provide a background for the SG's discussions with ASEAN Heads of State. The SG could introduce this document at the summit. A draft message from the Secretary-General for the publication is attached for his kind approval.

Noeleen Heyzer  
11 November 2008