

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2 February 2009

Your Majesty,

I am writing to thank you for receiving me and my delegation in Amman on 14 January 2009.

I am relieved that, since we met, the fragile ceasefires in Gaza have held and there has been a full Israeli withdrawal. I have visited Gaza to see the grave situation there firsthand. The United Nations is leading efforts to ensure that immediate relief and recovery needs are addressed. I continue to press for full implementation of Security Council resolution 1860.

I was glad to have had the opportunity to be briefed by you on the efforts that you and your country have taken to find a durable solution to the Gaza crisis. I was particularly touched by your great concern for the suffering of the Palestinian people, and the major humanitarian efforts that Jordan has undertaken, especially for civilians in Gaza.

I understand that the wider political challenges facing the Middle East region are a matter of great concern, and I appreciated the thoughtfulness and sincerity with which you approach the challenges facing Jordan and the region. Let me assure you that I remain committed to the cause of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, in accordance with Security Council resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative. Like you, I hope that serious and concerted international efforts towards peace will be advanced in the future.

Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

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