



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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We are all in agreement that a primary goal after the outbreak has subsided is to work towards better health-care systems and socioeconomic conditions, so as to restore pre-Ebola opportunities and prevent future outbreaks. I am pleased to hear that the European Union participated in the Ebola Recovery Assessment process, together with the World Bank, the African Development Bank Group and the United Nations system, under the leadership of the United Nations Development Programme. We have initiated together a process that is inclusive, integrated and led by the governments of the affected countries. I look forward to the report, which will be the result of this process, by the end of February 2015.

Her Excellency  
Ms. Federica Mogherini  
High Representative  
Vice President of the European Commission  
Brussels


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-Federica Mogherini  
-Christos Stylianides  
-Steven Ntumba  
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I look forward to our successful cooperation for the preparation of this important conference. Similar letters have been sent to Commissioners Stylianides and Mimica.

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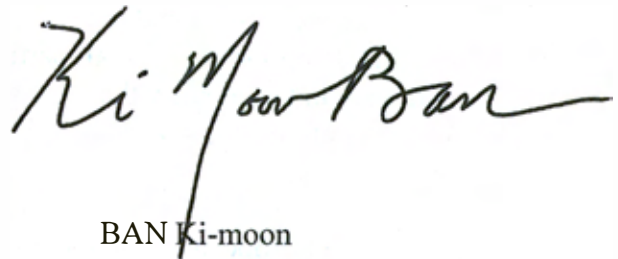
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