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THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO

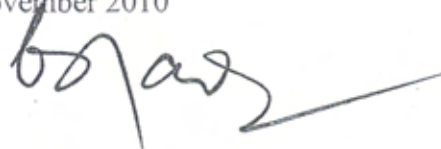
STRASBOURG

(18-20 October 2010)

1. **Mr. Thorbjorn Jagland**, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe
2. **Mr. Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament
3. **Mr. José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission
4. **Ms. Catherine Ashton**, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
5. **Mr. Gabriele Albertini**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
6. **Mr. Roland Ries**, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg
7. **Monseigneur Vincent Jordy and Monseigneur Paul Lentz**, Diocese of Strasbourg
8. **Mr. François Brunagel**, Chief of Protocol of the European Parliament
9. **Ms. Martine Grogard**, Chief of Protocol of the City of Strasbourg
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2010

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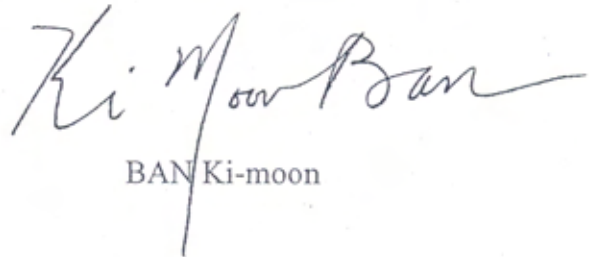
I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm reception accorded to me and my whole delegation during my visit to the Council of Europe. I wish to also thank you for the dinner you so generously hosted for me and my wife upon our arrival in Strasbourg on 18 October 2010 as well as for the wonderful gift you gave me and which will serve as a nice memento of my visit to the Council of Europe.

It was a great honour to address the Council of Europe on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the European Convention for Human Rights.

I especially welcomed the opportunity for the comprehensive exchange on a broad range of issues of mutual interest to the United Nations and the Council of Europe. I trust that our discussions on issues such as the promotion of human rights, including for migrant workers and Roma communities in Europe, the Responsibility to Protect, and violence against women, will help us advance towards sustainable solutions.

I have the deepest appreciation for the strong support of the Council of Europe to the United Nations, including through its most vital partnerships with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland
Secretary-General of the Council of Europe
Strasbourg



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2010

Excellency,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the warm welcome provided to me and my delegation during my recent visit to Strasbourg, and share my sincere gratitude for the seamless organization of my programme during our visit to the European Parliament. In addition, I would like to extend a special thank you for the working lunch you generously hosted for me as well as for the wonderful gift you gave me and which will serve as a nice memento of my visit to the European Parliament.

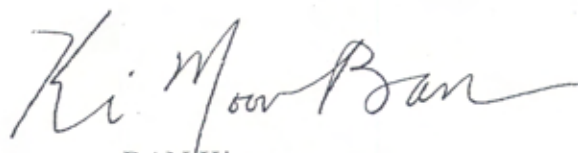
It was a great honour to address the Members of the European Parliament on 19 October 2010. Such encounters are fundamental to further strengthen the excellent cooperation between our respective organizations.

I trust that our frank exchanges on a number of issues including the Western Balkans, Sudan and Cyprus, will help us to advance towards sustainable solutions.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment of the European Parliament to multilateralism and its close partnership with the United Nations. The European Parliament has set a high standard for many others in actively promoting the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and mobilizing efforts to fight climate change.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

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


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Jerzy Buzek
President of the European Parliament
Brussels



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2010

Excellency,

I would like to express my appreciation for the discussions which we held during my recent visit to Strasbourg, and to extend my sincere gratitude for the dinner you generously hosted for me and my wife.

I trust that our frank exchanges on a number of issues across all three pillars of the work of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, human rights and development, will help us to advance towards sustainable solutions.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment of the European Commission to multilateralism and its close partnership with the United Nations. The European Commission has set a high standard for many others in actively promoting the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and mobilizing efforts to fight climate change.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Ban Ki-moon' in a stylized cursive script.
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. José Manuel Barroso
President of the European Commission
Brussels



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2010

Excellency,

I would like to express my appreciation for the very useful meeting we held on 20 October 2010 during my visit to Strasbourg.

I trust that our frank exchanges on issues ranging from the Sudan, Somalia, Pakistan, Iran, Kosovo to the Middle East, will help us advance towards sustainable solutions.

I wish to also express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment of the European Union to multilateralism and its close partnership with the United Nations.

Your Organization has set a high standard for many others in generously contributing to the work of the United Nations, notably in the fields of peacekeeping, peacebuilding and mediation.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Ban Ki-moon' in a cursive style.
BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Catherine Ashton
High Representative for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy of the European Union
Brussels

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Excellency,

I would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Her Excellency Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Pedro Serrano
Acting Head of the Delegation of the
European Union to the United Nations
New York

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 November 2010

Excellency,

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and other members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament during my recent visit to Strasbourg.

I am most grateful for our candid and comprehensive discussions on issues of mutual interest to the United Nations and the European Parliament, including the fight against climate change and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals, the situation in Myanmar, Kosovo, Sudan and Western Sahara, as well as the Human Rights Council and the reform of the United Nations Security Council.

I wish to reiterate my gratitude for the long tradition of generous aid and support of the European Union for international development, as well as its active engagement in peacekeeping operations and peacebuilding efforts, including in the field of mediation.

I hope to count on your continued support for the United Nations in the period ahead.

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

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BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Gabriele Albertini
Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee
of the European Parliament
Brussels



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le 12 novembre 2010

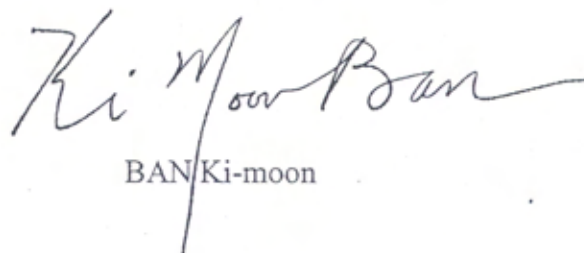
Monsieur le Sénateur-Maire,

Suite à ma visite le 19 octobre 2010 à Strasbourg, je tiens à vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour l'honneur que vous nous avez fait, à mon épouse, ma délégation et moi-même, de nous recevoir à l'Hôtel de Ville de Strasbourg.

Mon épouse et moi avons particulièrement apprécié votre hospitalité et l'échange que nous avons eu ce jour-là. Il s'agissait de notre première visite en Alsace. Nous avons été particulièrement impressionnés par la forte vocation européenne de Strasbourg et par l'étendue de son héritage culturel et historique. Comme je le disais dans mon allocution dans le Grand Salon historique de l'Hôtel de Ville, Strasbourg a changé le cours de l'histoire. Aujourd'hui, Strasbourg est la ville du Conseil de l'Europe et du Parlement européen. Elle a toujours le pouvoir de changer le monde.

Mon épouse se joint à moi pour vous remercier ainsi que Mme Ries du chaleureux accueil que vous nous avez réservé et des superbes cadeaux que vous nous avez offerts. Ils nous rappelleront pendant longtemps encore une visite mémorable et fort réussie.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Sénateur-Maire, les assurances de ma haute considération.


BAN Ki-moon

Monsieur Roland Ries
Sénateur-Maire de Strasbourg
Strasbourg



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le 12 novembre 2010

Monseigneur,

Suite à ma visite à Strasbourg, je tiens à vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour l'honneur que vous nous avez fait, à mon épouse, ma délégation et moi-même, de nous recevoir à la Cathédrale Notre Dame de Strasbourg le 20 octobre 2010.

Mon épouse et moi avons particulièrement apprécié la présentation et les informations que vous nous avez prodiguées sur la Cathédrale au cours de notre visite. Nous avons été particulièrement impressionnés par l'héritage religieux, architectural et culturel que recèle cet important édifice. Comme pour beaucoup de ceux qui ont eu la chance de visiter la Cathédrale, elle reste dans nos mémoires et à bien des égards comme le visage de Strasbourg.

En vous réitérant nos remerciements les plus sincères, je vous prie d'agréer, Monseigneur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Ki Moon Ban
BAN/Ki-moon

Monseigneur Vincent Jordy
Evêque auxiliaire
Cathédrale Notre Dame
Strasbourg



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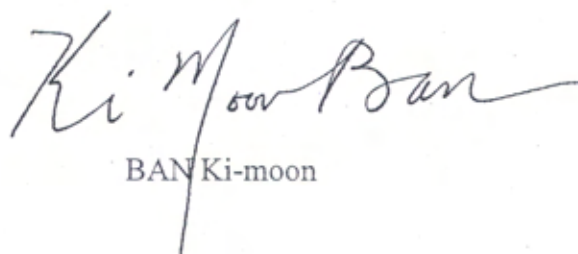
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BAN Ki-moon

Monseigneur Paul Lentz
Prélat d'Honneur de Sa Sainteté
Doyen du Chapitre Cathédrale
Cathédrale Notre Dame
Strasbourg