



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

18 June 2010

Dear Mr. Mitropoulos,

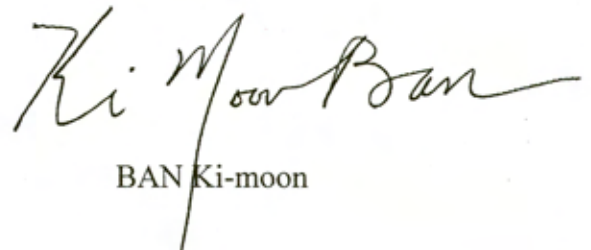
I would like to thank you for your letter dated 27 May 2010, describing the climate change initiatives of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and their relationship to the work of the High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing (AGF), which I have established.

I appreciate and welcome your suggestion that IMO contribute to the work of the AGF. I have asked the AGF secretariat, hosted by my Climate Change Support Team, to approach relevant IMO colleagues and discuss potential areas and modalities of cooperation. On that note, it would be very helpful if you would designate an IMO focal point to liaise with the AGF secretariat on a regular basis, thus ensuring a continuous and timely information exchange.

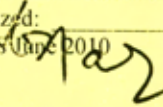
I assure you there is no risk that efforts undertaken by the IMO will duplicate those undertaken by the AGF. The study currently being conducted by the AGF focuses on the identification of potential sources of revenue for climate change financing. It will take into consideration conventions and practices of IMO and the International Civil Aviation Organization as elements of a global approach to generating revenues from international transportation. However, this study will not lead to any decision or implementation effort. Instead, it will be submitted to the parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for their informed consideration of available options.

I encourage you to contact me whenever similar issues arise, and I look forward to continuing our close cooperation, including in the area of climate change.

Yours sincerely,

  
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