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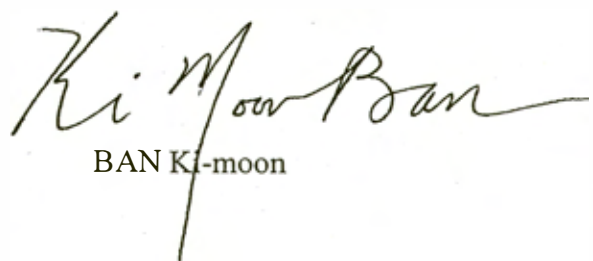
Excellency,

I would like to convey to you my sincere congratulations on your appointment as the first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union.

The European Union is a crucial partner for the United Nations. The ideal of multilateralism which the European Union embodies and its commitment to the United Nations are critical to our success. I highly value the uncompromising dedication of the European Union to the common good of humanity in practically every field of activity with which the United Nations is engaged.

I look forward to working closely with you and the European External Action Service in the further strengthening of the cooperation between the European Union and the United Nations, notably in the areas of peace, security, human rights and sustainable development.

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

  
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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Dear Mr. Schwaiger,

The Secretary-General 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.

Yours sincerely,

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

Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Hans-Peter Schwaiger  
Acting Head of the Delegation of the  
European Commission to the United Nations  
New York

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**#1 PRIORITY**

To: Mr. Nambiar,

As requested please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a congratulatory letter addressed to Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the EU.

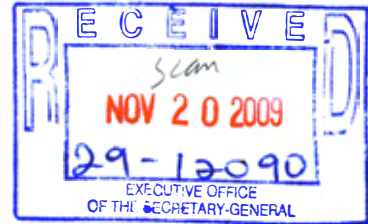
Please note that Ms. Ashton, together with the other members of the Commission, will have to face confirmation hearings in the European Parliament in December to be followed by a vote in January (date to be confirmed).

  
Nicholas Haysom  
20 November 2009

Cc: KWS

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**Note to Mr. Nambiar**

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER TO  
THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
SECURITY POLICY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

As requested, please find attached, for the Secretary-General's approval and signature, a letter addressed to H.E. Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union, conveying the Secretary-General's congratulations for her designation.

Please note that Ms. Ashton, together with the other members of the Commission, will have to face confirmation hearings in the European Parliament in December to be followed by a vote in January (date to be confirmed).

A transmittal letter to the Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations, for your signature, is also attached.

  
B. Lynn Pascoe  
20 November 2009



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To Maria Zaroui/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
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Josiane Ambiehl/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Julian  
Hernandez/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Kayoko  
bcc

Subject Re: Letters of congratulation - new EU appointments

Dear Maria,

You are right, she is Baroness etc..., but the Europe desk has verified with the Commission - Ms. Ashton prefers to be addressed the way we have put it on the letter (with Excellency as the address, as we used to do for Solana). Many thanks to Arnaud for his help. He has also made sure that the transmission route was OK (Council for Van Rompuy and Commission for Ashton).

I hope this clarifies.

Best,  
Anne

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Stephen Paparo/NY/UNO@UNHQ, thiri@un.org,  
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Subject Re: Letters of congratulation - new EU appointments

Dear Anne,

Could your office check on Ashton's name, I think she is Baroness Ashton of Upholland, PC  
Thanks,



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