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### DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Fedotov,

I would like to follow up on our meeting of 1 October 2012 in which I informed you, *inter alia*, of my appointment by the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as his Special Representative on Sustainable Energy for All and Chief Executive of the initiative.

Pursuant to an offer by Austria to support the initiative, the Austrian Government has provided a 400 sqm office space in Andromeda Tower at Donau-City Strasse 6, 1220 Vienna. This office will be established as an office of the United Nations. In order for the office to be covered by the Seat Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of Austria, the application of this agreement will have to be extended to this office by an exchange of notes between the United Nations and the Austrian Authorities.

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I should therefore be grateful if UNOV can issue a Note Verbale to the Austrian Authorities informing them officially of the appointment of the Special Representative of the SG on Sustainable Energy for All and the establishment of the office in Vienna. This should then be followed by an exchange of notes on the extension of the Seat Agreement which, as you know, in terms of location, currently focuses on the VIC. It is my understanding that through the extension of the HQs agreement to the premises of the SE4ALL in the Andromeda Tower, all the provisions of the Seat Agreement, including on privileges and immunities will become applicable.

We are still putting together the staff of the initiative. At the appropriate time we shall be communicating information on staff who will be categorized as "Officials" or "Experts on Mission for the UN" in accordance with articles (Article XII) and (Article XIII) respectively of the Seat Agreement.

Please find attached all the relevant communication on this issue.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Kande K. Yumkella

Mr. Yury Fedotov  
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Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
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*Dear Secretary-General,*

I am writing to you with regard to your initiative "Sustainable Energy for All" (SE4A) which the Austrian Government fully supports. I believe that the three energy- and development related goals you formulated, namely universal access to energy by 2030, reducing energy intensity by 40 per cent by 2030 and increasing the share of renewables in the overall energy mix to 30 per cent by 2030, are both timely and necessary to advance the global sustainable development agenda.

Austria contributes to the international energy debate by hosting and co-organising, together with UNIDO and IASA, the (biannual) Vienna Energy Forum since 2009 as well as the annual Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (GFSE) in Vienna. I am particularly pleased to closely work with UNIDO-Director General Yumkella to thereby strengthen UN Energy.

Regarding the institutional set-up for your initiative, I wish to point out that Vienna hosts a number of organisations with energy-related mandates: UNIDO, OPEC, the OPEC-Fund, IASA, IAEA, OSCE, the Energy Community Secretariat and REEP (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership). I would therefore welcome locating this unit in support of the implementation of "Sustainable Energy for All" in Vienna, thereby creating synergies with these energy-related organisations.

Locating a "Sustainable Energy for All" - unit in Vienna would also ensure an active participation of UN member states in the SE4A initiative at expert level, since the Vienna-

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based diplomats are already dealing with energy matters and are thus knowledgeable in this field. The office could thus particularly benefit from knowledge-sharing in Vienna.

Furthermore, the Austrian Government would put office space and equipment at your disposal, should you decide to create such a unit in Vienna.

The Austrian Government has over the past years been advocating the need for advancing the global energy agenda, since access to energy is a prerequisite for food security and clean water for billions of people.

Energy, particularly renewables and energy efficiency, are among the thematic priorities of the Austrian Development Cooperation. We are working on energy issues in Central America (with SICA), in Western Africa (where we co-fund the ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ECREEE, Praia) and Southern Africa (with SADC).

I wish to assure you, Mr. Secretary-General, that our commitment towards the implementation of your "Sustainable Energy for All" initiative is substantive, long-standing and sincere, as proven by our long-term priority-setting and activities on the bilateral and multilateral levels.

It would therefore be a great honour and pleasure to hosting the unit in Vienna to implement your "Sustainable Energy for All" initiative.

I remain with my best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Linde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 August 2012

*Dear Mr. Yumkella,*

I was pleased to speak with you recently regarding the future arrangements for my Sustainable Energy for All initiative. As discussed, I believe the initiative has been very successful to date in catalysing work on this agenda, mobilizing stakeholders from all sectors of society and on defining a way forward. I would like to express my thanks for the passion, commitment and leadership you have demonstrated, which has helped to generate powerful global momentum for this initiative.

Our task now is to expand the initiative and announce the next steps for Sustainable Energy for All to capitalize on this momentum. I am therefore pleased that you have accepted my offer to serve as my Special Representative on Sustainable Energy for All and the first full-time Chief Executive of the initiative. Your dynamic leadership is vital for taking the initiative to this next level.

In this role, you will oversee the Sustainable Energy for All Global Secretariat, directing a staff of approximately 25 professionals to begin. The Global Secretariat will have two offices located in Vienna and New York, with each office having distinct areas of responsibility to support you as Chief Executive in managing the initiative. You will also oversee the work done at regional and functional hubs based at partnering institutions. As needed, you may also consider establishing ad hoc groups, including technical groups, to carry out functions needed to advance the initiative.

In your role as Chief Executive, you will be responsible for overall orientation, planning and implementation of the initiative. You will also work closely with the Executive Committee of the Sustainable Energy for All Advisory Board, who will provide strategic oversight to your work.

Mr. Kandeh Yumkella  
Director-General  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
Vienna

The Sustainable Energy for All initiative is now poised to make a major impact on both the challenge of energy poverty and the opportunity to speed the adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy. I believe it can also serve as a new model of beneficial public and private engagement with the United Nations system.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my appreciation for your leadership to date, and look forward to your service in the role of my Special Representative on Sustainable Energy for All.

Yours sincerely,

*With warmest regards,*

  
BAN Ki-moon



24 September 2012



## Secretary-General

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### SECRETARY-GENERAL, STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL INITIATIVE, HOPES

#### MORE THAN 1 BILLION PEOPLE CAN ACCESS MODERN ENERGY SERVICES BY 2030

Following are UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's opening remarks, as delivered, to the High-level Event on Sustainable Energy for All, in New York, 24 September:

I launched the Sustainable Energy for All initiative a year ago with great excitement about its potential.

Today it is my distinct pleasure to be able to report that those expectations have been surpassed. I thank the many people here who have helped this happen. More than 60 developing countries are now working with the initiative. More are coming on board. Businesses have committed more than \$50 billion. Commitments worth tens of billions more have been made by other stakeholders — Governments, multilateral development banks, international organizations, and civil society. We would not have achieved all this without the leadership of the distinguished co-chairs and members of my High-level Group.

We have come a long way. But we have a long road ahead. Our objectives are ambitious: universal access to modern energy services by 2030; doubling the rate we improve energy efficiency worldwide; doubling the share of renewables in the global energy mix. We can reach all these objectives by 2030. But we will need bold policies, greater investments, and innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors.

Today I am pleased to announce four new elements to strengthen this initiative and build on our momentum.

First: the President of the World Bank, Dr. Jim Yong Kim, and I will co-chair a new advisory board to provide strategic guidance. The members will include the world's foremost authorities on energy and related fields. I thank Dr. Kim for accepting this responsibility. The United Nations and the World Bank are entering an era of closer cooperation than ever before.

Second, I have asked Chad Holliday to continue his leadership role by chairing the initiative's new Executive Committee. Mr. Holliday has been instrumental in guiding the initiative through its first year.

Third, the initiative needs a full-time captain to drive it forward. I have asked Kandeh Yumkella, the current Director-General of UNIDO [United Nations Industrial Development Organization], to be my new Special Representative for Sustainable Energy for All and chief executive of the effort with full responsibility for overall planning and implementation.

Fourth, we will establish a global support team to strengthen coordination among our many partners.

We are not establishing a new institution but rather building on what already exists and works well. With these four elements, Sustainable Energy for All is poised to draw in new partners and become a global network that can help transform the world's energy systems — and the lives of billions of people.

Sustainable Energy for All is the answer to some of the key challenges of our time: energy poverty, inequality, economic growth, environmental risks. This is a twenty-first century multi-stakeholder partnership for a twenty-first century United Nations. Now we need to scale up — especially at the country level. We will mobilize our entire United Nations system to support this effort, and United Nations country teams can play an important role in this regard.

During the lifespan of the initiative, we aim to provide more than 1 billion people with access to modern energy services.

This is how Sustainable Energy for All will be measured — by children newly able to study after dark, mothers breathing healthy air, doctors caring for the sick night and day, businesses seeing new prosperity, a cleaner environment and a path that will help us to avoid the catastrophe of climate change.

As we move forward, our regular interaction and communication with you, the Member States, will be key. We look forward to it. Working together, we can create the future we want — the future our children deserve. Thank you very much for your commitment.

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