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24 February 2014

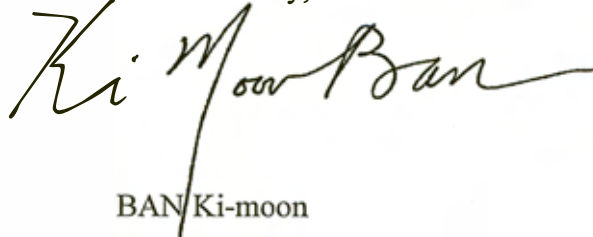
Dear Mr. Møller,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and your colleagues for the warm welcome and the excellent arrangements you made for my recent visit to Geneva, Montreux and Davos. Thanks to your excellent work, my programme ran very smoothly and my visit was successful. I also welcomed the opportunity to have presided over your swearing-in ceremony as Acting Head of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and I congratulate you once again.

I should like to extend my special thanks to Mr. Sergey Shaposhnikov, Ms. Corinne Momal-Vanian, and Ms. Charlotte Warakaulle for the support accorded to my delegation in the preparation and implementation of my programme. Lastly, I would like to thank all Security Officers of the United Nations Office at Geneva, whose efforts ensured a smooth and successful visit.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued leadership of the United Nations Office at Geneva. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

  
BAN/Ki-moon

Mr. Michael Møller  
Acting Head  
United Nations Office at Geneva  
Geneva



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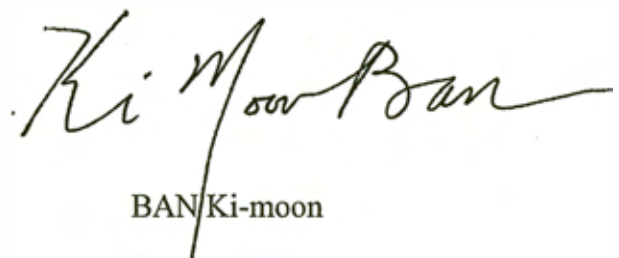
Monsieur le Président,

Permettez-moi d'exprimer ma profonde reconnaissance au Gouvernement suisse qui s'est tant investi dans l'organisation de la Conférence de Genève sur la Syrie, notamment pour la réunion de haut niveau qui s'est tenue à Montreux le 22 janvier 2014 et pour les négociations intra-syriennes qui ont débuté le 24 janvier 2014.

Grâce à cet appui dispensé en coopération avec l'Office de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à Genève, les Syriens ont pu entamer un véritable processus politique afin de parvenir à une transition pacifique – l'idée, avancée il y a un an et demi dans le Communiqué de Genève, avait été entérinée par le Conseil de sécurité de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans sa résolution 2118 (2013).

Je tiens à vous remercier pour votre soutien continu à la poursuite de ces pourparlers. Votre assistance permet au Représentant spécial de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et de la Ligue arabe, M. Lakhdar Brahimi, de faciliter le dialogue entre les deux parties syriennes et nous est extrêmement précieuse.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



BAN/Ki-moon

Son Excellence  
Monsieur Didier Burkhalter  
Président de la Confédération suisse  
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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Le Secrétaire général vous serait reconnaissant de bien vouloir transmettre la lettre ci-jointe à Son Excellence Monsieur Didier Burkhalter, Président de la Confédération suisse.

Une copie de cette lettre est jointe pour votre information.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Le Vice-Secrétaire général

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Jan Eliasson

Son Excellence  
Monsieur Paul Seger  
Représentant permanent de la Suisse  
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies  
New York

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24 February 2014

Excellency,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Government of Switzerland for all the support that has been provided in the organization of the Geneva Conference on Syria, including the high-level segment in Montreux on 22 January and the intra-Syrian negotiations that began on 24 January.

These efforts, in cooperation with the United Nations Office in Geneva, have enabled the Syrians to embark on a meaningful political process with the aim of achieving a peaceful transition – a vision first put forth a year and a half ago in the Geneva Communiqué, and endorsed by the United Nations Security Council in Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013).

I am grateful for your ongoing support towards the continuance of these talks. The assistance that you are providing to enable my Joint Special Representative to facilitate the dialogue between the two Syrian sides is invaluable.

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

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Didier Burkhalter  
President of the Swiss Confederation  
Bern

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To: DSG,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, thank you letters to Acting Head of UNOG and President of the Swiss Confederation following his trip to that country.

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Political Unit  
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