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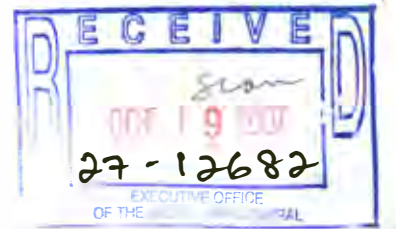
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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon  
United Nations  
NEW YORK

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**Subject: Indigenous Peoples, Climate Change, and UNFCCC Meeting in Bali**

Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to thank you for inviting me to participate on behalf of the world's indigenous peoples in the High Level Meeting on climate change which you convened on September 24. The meeting was aptly titled – *The Future in Our Hands: Addressing the Leadership Challenge* - as global leadership is fundamental if our efforts to curb the negative impact of climate change are to be successful. It was also kind of your wife and you to invite me to a breakfast meeting prior to the summit, which I found fruitful and much enjoyed.

As Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, I represent a people who are already feeling the significant effects of climate change as we deal with the impact of the most significant melting of Arctic ice on record. The Inuit people recognize that it is essential for all political leaders – whether a Prime Minister of a sovereign country or the head of an organization representing an indigenous people – to work together to find the most effective ways to mitigate against the effects and to help our communities adapt to the rapid changes caused by climate change.

The Inuit Circumpolar Council has been working for many years to bring to the attention of the world the real impact of climate change because it is in the Arctic where the effects have been so keenly felt. As confirmed in the Stern Review, the average temperatures in the Arctic have risen almost twice as fast as in the rest of the world. This is catastrophic for the Inuit. But it is also disastrous for the rest of world. It is clear that what happens in the polar regions will have an extreme impact on the rest of the world.

It is essential not only for the sake of the Inuit people but also for the sake of the rest of the world that Inuit continue to take an important role in helping to shape the international response to this, arguably one of the greatest challenges to confront humankind. I hope that ICC and you personally can continue the dialogue we started in New York.



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It is most welcome that the Nobel Committee has recognized the significance and enormity of this challenge and has awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Al Gore and the IPCC.

As you mentioned at the Summit and, more recently, after the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize, it is important that a real breakthrough occur at the COP 13 in Bali in December, and that we have a strong and enforceable plan post 2012.

This Nobel award helps to underscore the importance and urgency of working to accelerate efforts in response to this challenge. For this reason, I believe it is essential for the Inuit, through the Inuit Circumpolar Council, to be strongly represented at this year's UNFCCC meeting in Bali. As you know, indigenous peoples were left out of the process leading to Kyoto, but your invitation last month is an indication that you understand the importance of us being front and centre in the deliberations – and I thank you for leading the way in this new direction. We continue to seek funding for participating in COP 13, and are planning to host an indigenous-centered side event in Bali where indigenous peoples from both the Arctic and small island developing states will meet.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you, Secretary-General, for the leadership you have shown and welcome your continued determination to be a leader amongst leaders.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia A.L. Cochran  
Chair

cc: Barbara Black, UNFCCC  
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To Jenny Thomas/NY/UNO@UNHQ

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Subject Letter to the Secretary General

Dear Jenny,

I am forwarding this letter to central logging and onward to the SG's Office. Thank you

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Subject

Dear Ms. Llanto Barnett:

I would appreciate if you would forward my letter on to Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. Thank you for your assistance.

Patricia A.L. Cochran  
Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council



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