



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 February 2007

Excellency,

I write upon my return to New York to thank you most sincerely for all your help in ensuring that my brief refueling stopovers in Cairo during my travel last month between Europe and Africa proceeded so smoothly. Please convey my deep appreciation to your colleagues in New York and in Cairo for their dedicated efforts and for all of the assistance provided in support of these stopovers.

I was very pleased to have had the honour to meet with members of your Government in Cairo, who received me with such graciousness and warmth. I was also touched to have received a gift presented to me on behalf of Foreign Minister Aboul Gheit.

I would like, once again, on behalf of my wife and delegation, to express our gratitude to you and the competent authorities for ensuring that our brief stops in Cairo proceeded so smoothly and successfully.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban".
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
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