

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 June 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to express my gratitude for the luncheon you hosted on 13 May 2016, during my visit to Lisbon. I was very honoured and humbled to receive the *Ordem da Liberdade* medal.

I valued our discussion on a broad range of topics, including Guinea-Bissau and your recent visit to Mozambique. I would also like to take this opportunity to again commend the Government of the Republic of Portugal for its compassionate and positive response to the arriving refugees and migrants in Europe. I look forward to seeing you at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants in New York in September.

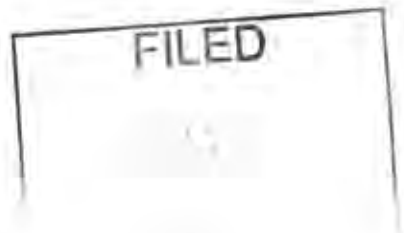
Please allow me to reiterate my deep gratitude for the commitment of Portugal to the priorities of the United Nations, including as a member of the Human Rights Council, and as an important contributor to United Nations peace operations and to the advancement of the law of the sea and ocean governance.

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

*Muito Obrigado and
Wish you continued good
success!*


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa
President of the Republic of Portugal
Lisbon



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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I would like to express my gratitude for the dinner you hosted on 12 May 2016, during my visit to Lisbon. I valued our exchange of views on addressing the flow of refugees and migrants to Europe, political developments in Guinea-Bissau, and preventing violent extremism.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you again for the progressive policies adopted by the Government of Portugal in response to the large movements of refugees and migrants towards Europe, and for your country acting as a beacon to other nations on this issue.

Please allow me to reiterate my deep gratitude for the commitment of your Government to the priorities of the United Nations, particularly in supporting United Nations peace operations and contributing to the advancement of the law of the sea and ocean governance. I look forward to continuing our close cooperation.

Thank you also for the kind gift, which will serve as a fitting memento of my visit to your beautiful country.

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

Wishing you and Portugal continued prosperity,

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. António Luís Santos da Costa
Prime Minister of the Republic of Portugal
Lisbon



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13 June 2016

Dear Mr. Foreign Minister,

I would like to express my gratitude for the luncheon you hosted on 12 May 2016, during my visit to Lisbon. I appreciated your insights on the broad range of topics we discussed, including developments in the Community of Portuguese Language-speaking Countries, and the support of Portugal to United Nations peace operations. You are a model for other European countries in providing significant contributions without caveats.

I was also honoured by your presence at the meeting with Syrian students hosted by Mr. Jorge Sampaio. I highly commend the progressive policies of your Government in addressing the large movements of migrants and refugees towards Europe and look forward to seeing you and President Rebelo de Sousa at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on this topic on 19 September 2016 in New York.

Please allow me to reiterate my deep gratitude for the commitment of the Government of Portugal to the priorities of the United Nations, particularly in the realm of the law of the sea and ocean governance. I look forward to our continued close cooperation.

Thank you also for the kind gift, which will serve as a fitting memento of my visit to your beautiful country.

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

*Obrigado and hope to work closely
in the future,*

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. Augusto Ernesto dos Santos Silva
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Portugal
Lisbon



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Excellency,

I would like to express my gratitude for our meeting on 13 May 2016, during my visit to Portugal. I hold a deep respect for the role of parliamentarians as the voices of their constituencies and appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you and the Members of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal the strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you again for the progressive policies adopted by Portugal in response to the large movements of refugees and migrants towards Europe, and for your country acting as a beacon to other nations on this issue. I valued our exchange of views on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism and look forward to the swift ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change by Portugal.

Please allow me to reiterate my deep gratitude for the commitment of Portugal to the priorities of the United Nations, particularly in supporting United Nations peace operations and contributing to the advancement of the law of the sea and ocean governance.

Thank you also for the kind gift, which will serve as a fitting memento of my visit to your beautiful country.

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

*Wishing you and the Assembly
continued success,*

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues
President of the Assembly
of the Republic of Portugal
Lisbon



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13 June 2016

Excellency,

I would like to express my deep appreciation to you and to the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations for the extensive preparatory work with regard to my visit to Lisbon on 12 and 13 May 2016. I was glad to have had a substantive exchange of views with Their Excellencies Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal, Mr. António Luís Santos da Costa, Prime Minister, Mr. Augusto Ernesto dos Santos Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs, as well as with Mr. Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal.

Your Government has been a strong supporter of the work of the United Nations in the region and around the world and I have no doubt that this will continue.

I would also like to express my appreciation for your strong personal support for the Organization and myself, as Secretary-General. I look forward to our continued excellent cooperation here in New York.

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

*Obrigado and wish you continued good success
in the future,*

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. Álvaro Mendonça e Moura
Permanent Representative of Portugal
to the United Nations
New York

PRIORITY

THANK YOU LETTERS FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO
PORTUGAL

(Thursday, 12 May and Friday, 13 May 2016)

1. His Excellency Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal (to be personalized by the Secretary-General)
2. His Excellency Mr. António Luís Santos da Costa, Prime Minister of the Republic of Portugal (to be personalized by the Secretary-General)
3. His Excellency Mr. Augusto Ernesto dos Santos Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Portugal (to be personalized by the Secretary-General)
4. His Excellency Mr. Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal (to be personalized by the Secretary-General)
5. His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Mendonça e Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations (to be personalized by the Secretary-General)

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