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Colleagues

Attached you will find a nice letter from the Dutch PM to the SG. It does not require any response, but it is nice to see his general support to the SG.

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28-14694



MINISTER-PRESIDENT



H.E. BAN Ki-Moon
Secretary General of the
United Nations
New York

No.: 3072237

The Hague, 9 December 2008

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

Thank you for your letter regarding the European Union's climate and energy package.

Poznań is an important step on the road to Copenhagen, where the Netherlands and the European Union intend to underline the urgency of the climate issue and revitalise the political momentum of Bali. Our goals for the conference are to establish a framework for a climate agreement in Copenhagen, to make the transition to genuine negotiations and to take tangible steps towards developing a common vision of the future, getting the Adaptation Fund up and running, designing an international financial architecture and preventing deforestation.

From the start, the Netherlands has advocated a strong leadership role for the EU on the path to an international climate convention. I will therefore do everything in my power to ensure that the EU reaches agreement in the next month on this important legislative package. I am confident of success, despite the deteriorating economic outlook. Like you, I believe that climate policy has the potential to prevent high costs and create significant economic opportunities in the long term.

I share the concerns you expressed in your letter to the President of the European Commission, Mr Barroso, regarding world food prices. I am pleased that the EU recently agreed to fund an additional facility of one billion euros to help offset the impact of the food crisis for the world's poorest people. A portion of these funds will be used to support small farmers.

The Netherlands has urged the European Commission to distribute as much of the money as possible through the UN and the World Bank, and I trust that this will happen in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of horizontal strokes.

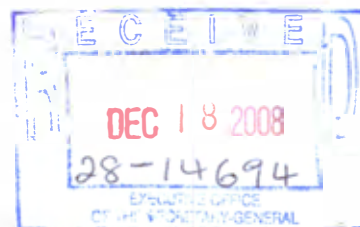
Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the
Netherlands

The Ambassador



Permanente Vertegenwoordiging van het
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New York, 17 December 2008



Mr Secretary General,

It is my pleasure to forward to you a letter from H.E. Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Majoor

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
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