



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Costa,

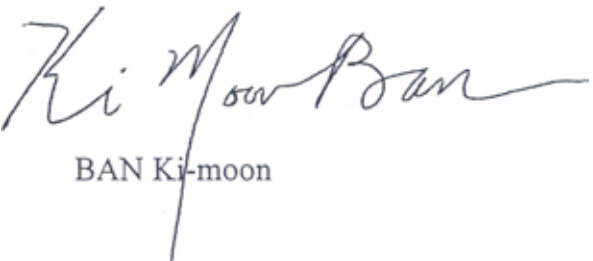
I should like to express my sincere appreciation to you and your team for the seamless organization of my programme and the excellent arrangements afforded to me, my wife and my delegation during my recent visit to Vienna.

The success and productivity of the visit was due in no small part to your efforts to ensure that the programme ran smoothly with all logistical arrangements in place. In this regard, I hope that you will also convey my sincere thanks to Ms. Philippa Lawrence for her tireless assistance in support of my visit. I particularly appreciated her dedication and acute sense of professionalism.

I was very pleased with the results of my visit to Austria and that you were able to accompany me to the meetings with senior Government officials, which were interesting and productive. I am also grateful for the opportunity to discuss with you and other senior UN officials in Vienna issues of mutual concern and to address the staff of the Vienna International Centre based Organizations.

In closing, let me reiterate, on behalf of my whole delegation, our heartfelt gratitude for your and your team's endeavours to ensure the success of my visit.

Yours sincerely,


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