



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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18 January 2007

Dear Mr. Roche,

I write on taking office as Secretary-General to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

As you know, I assume my duties at a time of daunting challenges in world affairs -- from the range of crises troubling our world to the need to defend human rights and move forward in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Yet I also know that the demands placed on the United Nations demonstrate that our Organization is very much alive, that it is on the front line in addressing crises and giving hope to people around the world, and that it is a force to be reckoned with, among Governments and people everywhere.

I am determined to do all in my power to ensure that our United Nations can live up to those high expectations, and carry out effectively the ever more global role which Member States have entrusted to it. By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations -- security, development and human rights, all underpinned by the rule of law -- we can build a more peaceful, more prosperous and more just world for succeeding generations. In that effort, I will seek to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder, and do all I can to restore trust in the Organization.

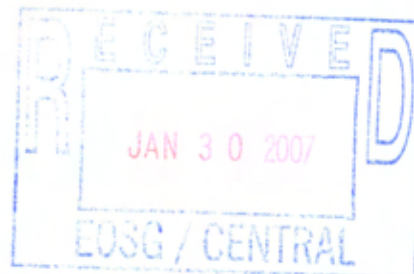
I am reassured to know that in that endeavour, I will have your support.

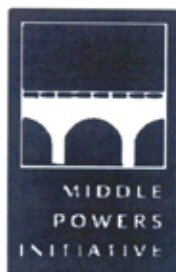
Yours sincerely,

*Ki Moon Ban*

Ban Ki-moon

Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.  
Chairman  
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January 9, 2007  
H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
United Nations, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

On behalf of the Middle Powers Initiative, I wish to offer my warmest congratulations on your assumption of the office of Secretary-General of the United Nations. As representatives of an NGO committed to international peace and security through law, MPI has always worked in concert with the United Nations and its officials and we look forward to continuing this fruitful relationship with you and your staff.

I also wish to commend you for your first statement as Secretary-General on disarmament and non-proliferation that you made yesterday before the Security Council. I certainly concur that more must be done "to invigorate disarmament and non-proliferation efforts" and I welcome your commitment to strengthen the role of the United Nations in these fields.

A primary focus of the work of MPI is to build a broad political consensus among middle power, non-nuclear weapon states to ensure a successful review conference in 2010 for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, thus reaffirming the treaty's pivotal role in leading to a world free of nuclear weapons. Our vehicle for this work is the Article VI Forum (the name is taken from the article of the NPT committing nuclear weapons states to eliminate those weapons), which draws together governments, NGOs and independent experts to examine the legal, political and technical requirements for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Since October 2005, we have held consultations at the United Nations, The Hague, and Ottawa. Our fourth consultation will take place at the Vienna International Center, March 29-30, 2007. Under Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Nobuaki Tanaka, was a featured speaker at Ottawa in September 2006 and we have invited him to speak at the Vienna consultation. We highly value the working relationship we have with Mr. Tanaka and the staff of DDA and look forward to it continuing through your tenure.

Indicative of the support we enjoy among governments, the Republic of Korea, and in particular Ambassador Y.J. Choi, has been tremendously supportive of the Forum. Either Ambassadors Choi or Oh have participated in each session of the Forum. Ambassador Choi also hosted a working luncheon for the Forum in June 2006.

Once again, please accept my best wishes for the vital work which you are undertaking and be assured of the continuing support of MPI.

Sincerely,

Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.  
Chairman, Middle Powers Initiative





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**FROM:** Douglas Roche, O.C.

**RE:** Compliments on your Security Council address

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

Please see the attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Roche". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Douglas Roche, O.C.  
Chairman, Middle Powers Initiative

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