

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 February 2015

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for welcoming me and my delegation so warmly during my visit to India from 10 to 13 January 2015. Please also accept my thanks for your kind gift, which will serve as an everlasting memento of this trip.

I am personally committed to advancing the role of the United Nations as a tool for the prevention and resolution of conflicts and for ensuring that cultural diversity is harnessed for addressing common challenges across the global community. In this regard, I am grateful for the valuable exchange we had while I was in New Delhi.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank India for its generous support across a wide area of our work. The United Nations and its agencies will continue to work in full cooperation with you and your Government in carrying out our valuable mission.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Pranab Mukherjee
President of the Republic of India
New Delhi



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Mannaniya Modi-ji,

I wish to thank you for welcoming me and my delegation so warmly during my visit to India from 10 to 13 January 2015. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your Government for generously supporting the United Nations across a wide area of our work.

As the world's largest democracy and a rapidly developing economy, India, under your active leadership, will play a crucial role in the coming months, including on issues of peace and security and sustainable development. I am grateful for the valuable exchange we had while in Gandhinagar, and I was particularly impressed by your commitment to clean energy and your vision of "smart cities". In this regard, I count on your leadership to arrive at a new climate change agreement in Paris in December this year.

The United Nations and its agencies will continue to work in full cooperation with you and your Government in carrying out our valuable mission.

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

*Mujhe Gujarat Ka dama Karte huwe
bahut Khushi huyi. Bahut Dhanyawad,*

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His Excellency
Mr. Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of the Republic of India
New Delhi



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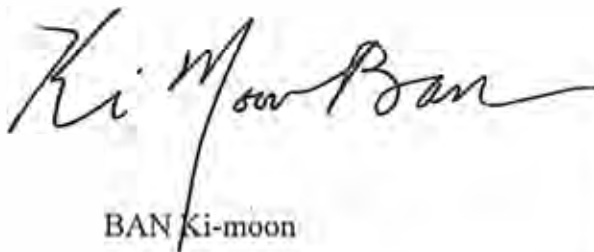
I wish to thank you for welcoming me and my delegation so warmly during my visit to India from 10 to 13 January 2015. Please also accept my thanks for your kind gifts, which will serve as an everlasting memento of this trip.

I appreciate your hospitality at the luncheon that you hosted for me and my delegation. I found the discussions during the lunch most useful in advancing our efforts towards achieving the goals of the Organization, in particular, on matters of peace and security.

The efforts of officials of your Ministry who worked tirelessly to ensure a successful visit were greatly appreciated. In particular, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Vikas Swarup, Joint Secretary, whose diligence and personal attention to detail ensured that my visit was implemented seamlessly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank India for its generous support across a wide area of our work. The United Nations and its agencies will continue to work in full cooperation with you and your Government in carrying out our valuable mission.

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BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Sushma Swaraj
Minister for External Affairs of
the Republic of India
New Delhi



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Excellency,

I would like to thank you for a most enjoyable visit to the Ministry of Environment during my recent trip to New Delhi in January 2015. I appreciated your hospitality and your gifts, which will serve as an everlasting memento of this trip.

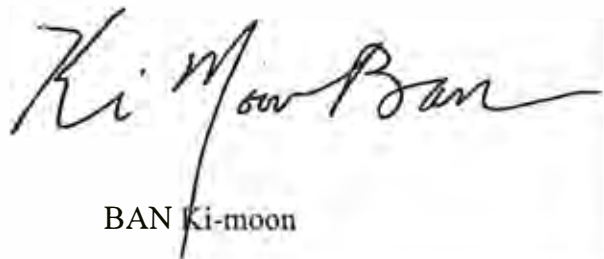
I was truly impressed by the design of the carbon neutral building that houses your Ministry. It is a fine testament to the type of innovative solutions the world needs in our collective fight against climate change.

Encouraged by my discussions in India, I am personally taking steps to ensure that the United Nations supports Prime Minister Modi and the Government of India in their efforts to pursue “development without destruction” in your country.

I also wish to thank you for our positive exchange on the global climate negotiations. I am very much heartened by your assurance that the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of India will be comprehensive. I applaud the multi-stakeholder approach your Government is taking to collect recommendations for your INDC, which will greatly facilitate the implementation phase. Please allow me to reiterate my request for India to submit its INDC by June 2015. This would be a very positive signal to the world on the constructive and forward-looking stance that India is taking on climate change, and will be a significant help to advance the negotiations ahead of COP21.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you during this important year.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Prakash Javadekar
Minister of Environment, Forest and
Climate Change of the Republic of India
New Delhi



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Excellency,


I wish to thank you for your invitation to visit Gujarat and for welcoming me and my delegation so warmly during my visit from 10 to 12 January 2015. I would also like to thank you for your gift, which will serve as an everlasting memento of this trip.

I commend you for your strong commitment to sustainable and inclusive development, which constituted the theme of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit. I strongly believe that 2015 is a year of opportunity to chart a new era of development that leads to equitable and energy responsible societies. In that respect, I was particularly impressed by the Canal Top Solar Power Plant – a notable achievement that serves as a model for others to follow in India and beyond.

Allow me to convey my appreciation to the team of dedicated officials of your Government who ensured that my visit was implemented in a seamless manner. In particular, please extend my thanks to Mr. Bharat Lal, Resident Commissioner of Gujarat, and to Mr. K. Srinivas, Principal Secretary in the Government of Gujarat, whose tremendous efforts and support proved invaluable in ensuring success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank India for its generous support across a wide area of our work. The United Nations and its agencies will continue to work in full cooperation with you and your Government in carrying out our valuable mission.

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


BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Anandiben Patel
Chief Minister of Gujarat
Ahmedabad



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Dear Ms. Grande,

I would like to thank you for the warm reception and hospitality you extended to me and my delegation, as the United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India, during my visit to that country from 10 to 13 January 2015.

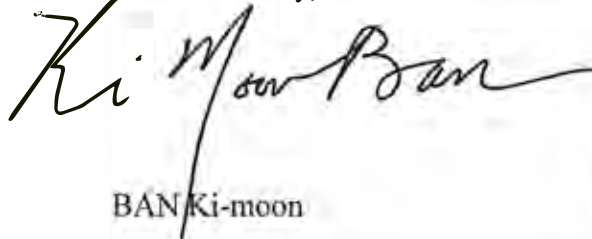
I welcomed the opportunity to meet the United Nations country team at the breakfast and to learn of their hard work and the most recent initiatives. I have always enjoyed returning to India and seeing the concrete work in which the United Nations is engaged. Under your able leadership during your assignment in India, the United Nations country team supported the strengthening of the partnership between the United Nations and the host country under the aegis of the United Nations global priorities.

I very much appreciated the support that you and the UNDP team provided to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of my visit.

I have sent a separate letter to the Resident Coordinator, a.i., in India, Mr. Louis Georges Arsenault, expressing my appreciation and thanks to all staff on the ground for their work in advancing the goals of the United Nations in India.

Please accept my best wishes in your new assignment as Deputy Special Representative of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq and United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq.

Yours sincerely,



BAN Ki-moon

Ms. Lise Grande
Deputy Special Representative of the
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
and United Nations Resident Coordinator
and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq
Baghdad



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Dear Mr. Arsenault,

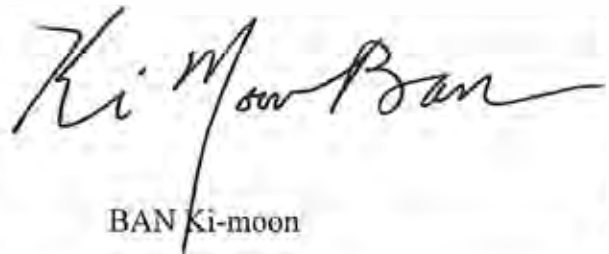
I would like to thank your office for the warm hospitality and support that was accorded to me and my delegation during my visit to India from 10 to 13 January 2015.

I welcomed the opportunity to meet the United Nations country team at the breakfast and to hear about their hard work and the most recent initiatives. I was pleased to learn that the United Nations country team supported the strengthening of the partnership between the United Nations and the host country under the aegis of the United Nations global priorities. Please convey to them my sincere thanks.

I know these visits require tireless attention to detail and a great deal of coordination to ensure that everything runs according to plan. In this context, I very much appreciated the support that Ms. Lise Grande and the UNDP team provided to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of my visit. In particular, please extend my thanks to Ms. Radhika Kaul Batra, Mr. Irene Dabare, Ms. Arundhati Das and Mr. Juventine Odoket for their invaluable hard work in facilitating our engagements on the ground.

Thank you once again for your support and for the commitment of all the staff in New Delhi in advancing the goals of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,



BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Louis Georges Arsenault
United Nations Resident Coordinator, a.i.,
in India
New Delhi



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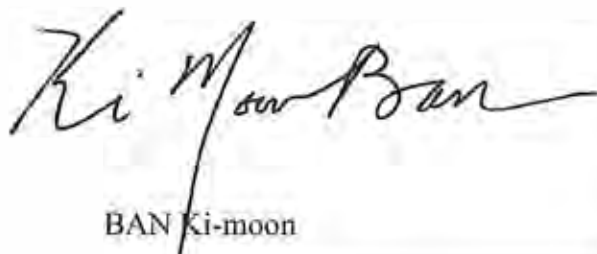
Excellency,

Following my recent visit to India from 10 to 13 January 2015, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and to the staff of the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, for your overall support to my trip.

I was honoured to meet with Their Excellencies President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Speaker of the Lok Sabha Sumitra Mahajan, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, and other senior officials of the Government of India.

I appreciated the exchange of views with these dignitaries on issues of shared concern, including peace and security, sustainable development and global climate negotiations. I look forward to our continuing close cooperation in achieving our common goals.

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



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Asoke Kumar Mukerji
Permanent Representative of India
to the United Nations
New York

THANK YOU LETTERS

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S VISIT TO INDIA

10 TO 13 JANUARY 2015

- His Excellency Mr. Pranab **Mukherjee**, President of the Republic of India
- His Excellency Mr. Narendra **Modi**, Prime Minister of the Republic of India*
- Her Excellency Ms. Sushma **Swaraj**, Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of India
- His Excellency Mr. Prakash **Javadekar**, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the Republic of India
- Her Excellency Ms. Anandiben **Patel**, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Ahmedabad
- Ms. Lise **Grande**, Deputy Special Representative (UNAMI)
(former UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in India)
- Mr. Louis Georges **Arsenault**, United Nations Resident Coordinator, a.i. in India
- His Excellency Mr. Asoke Kumar **Mukerji**, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

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