



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

29 May 2012

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2012 in which you outline the invaluable support of the European Union for the deployment of the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) and the efforts of Mr. Kofi A. Annan, Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on Syria.

In this connection, I wish to express my appreciation for your efforts in mobilizing the Instrument for Stability of the European Union to support UNSMIS. I note in particular the substantial and valuable contribution of the urgently needed 25 armoured vehicles. The provision of satellite imagery and associated analysis by experts of the European Union Satellite Centre is equally critical for the success of UNSMIS.

Furthermore, I am fully appreciative of the support provided separately by European Union Member States, including the observers proposed by a number of them. I am also pleased with the expected contribution of the European Union to the Trust Fund in support of the work of the Joint Special Envoy.

As you are aware, UNSMIS is an important component of our larger effort to ensure the comprehensive implementation of the six point proposal of the Joint Special Envoy. The Mission will also continue to support his efforts in creating the conditions that are conducive for political dialogue.

Her Excellency  
Ms. Catherine Ashton  
High Representative and Vice President  
of the European Commission  
Brussels

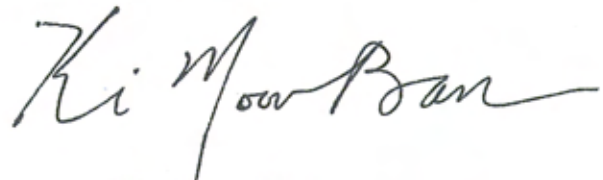


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In conclusion, let me reiterate my appreciation for the continued support of the European Union to United Nations efforts, and my hope that, with the joint determination of all, we will be able to achieve progress toward a peaceful solution in Syria.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being more prominent and the last name "Ki-moon" following in a similar style.

BAN Ki-moon

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you would kindly forward the enclosed letter to Her Excellency Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative and Vice President of the European Commission.

A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final flourish.

Susana Malcorra  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting  
Head of the Delegation of the European Union  
to the United Nations  
New York

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To: Ms. Malcorra,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to Catherine Ashton, in reply to her letter of 11 May 2012, regarding the EU support of UNSMIS and the JSE.

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Political Unit  
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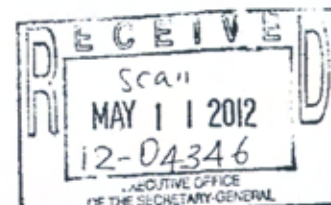
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Mr Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary General of the  
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Dear Secretary General,

Following our recent discussions on the situation in Syria and your request for urgent EU support to the UN Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS), I am pleased to inform you that my services have rapidly advanced in preparing what I trust you will find to be a significant and timely response to help the United Nations ensure the success of this crucial mission.

In addition to direct contributions from individual Member States, I have mobilised the EU's Instrument for Stability to provide a substantial contribution towards a number of the most pressing needs in Syria, with the bulk of the €8.2 million funding being allocated for support to UNSMIS and to the work of Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan.

Over the last week my services have liaised very closely with yours at the Department for Peace Keeping Operations and Department of Field Support with a view to coordinating arrangements so that the 25 new armoured vehicles that we have now procured in Europe can be delivered by us to UNSMIS in Damascus in time for the arrival of the main contingent of observers. We are organising the air transport to have the cars delivered on this Saturday 12 May. We can consult in due course to determine how best these armoured cars can be used for other high priority missions after UNSMIS. You will be aware that a number of EU Member States have directly offered or are considering offering additional armoured vehicles on a bi-lateral basis to UNSMIS. I look forward to knowing that all of these European contributions will help in serving to protect the UN personnel engaged on this important mission.

The EU will also be in a position to assist UNSMIS with the provision of satellite imagery and associated analysis by experts of the EU Satellite Centre, so as to respond to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)'s request for the provision of timely situational information awareness that is vital to the purpose of the mission. The first EU product has already been delivered to DPKO at the beginning of this week. This product is covering the city of Homs, as per a specific request by your staff. We will continue to support UNSMIS with the required satellite-based information on a regular basis, and stand ready to react to specific requirements at very short notice.

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Regarding medical evacuation, the Republic of Cyprus has offered the provision of specialist-medical and surgical treatment and care through a hospital in Nicosia. Medical facilities in Croatia would be available to carry out rehabilitation and reconstructive treatment. Concerning the provision of Strategic Medical Evacuation service by air ambulance aircraft, we have not yet received concrete offers, but I am aware that some Member States are still considering doing so. I have directed my services to keep you updated, if an offer should materialise.

Finally, the EU will provide a contribution to the Trust Fund established by United Nations Department of Political Affairs to support the work of the Joint UN-Arab League Envoy Kofi Annan, including for his team's needs related to expert consultancies as well as travel.

I fully appreciate your request for maintaining discretion with respect to sensitive measures such as the provision of satellite imagery and situation analysis and the need to carefully handle any communication on such support measures.

The package I have outlined indicates the EU's commitment to help the Joint Envoy in the deployment of UNSMIS and thus to help bring about a cessation of violence. I would emphasise that besides the importance we see in the EU supporting you in this manner, the EU's hopes and expectations are high with regard to the comprehensive implementation of the Annan plan, in particular on achieving the objective of launching a Syrian lead political process.

I plan to discuss all these issues with the EU Foreign Ministers at our next Council meeting on 14 May, when the EU will recall once more its support to UNSMIS, Envoy Annan's efforts and the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 2042 and 2043.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Ashton





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Head of Delegation

New York, 11 May 2012

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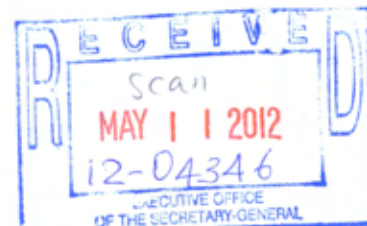
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