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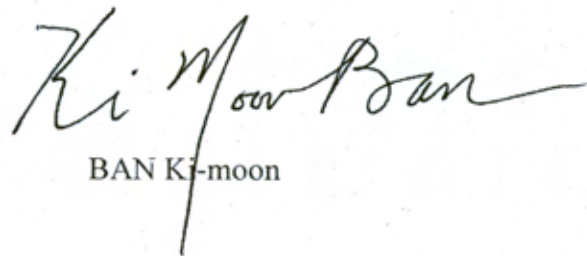
Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your verbal message of 5 August 2009 concerning the eviction of two Palestinian families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of East Jerusalem by Israel.

I share your grave concerns on this matter. The evictions are against international law, the Road Map and the stated position of the Quartet. Such actions undermine efforts to resume the peace negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

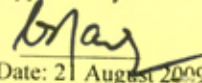
I have communicated my objections on this matter directly to the Government of Israel, and my Special Coordinator continues to follow the matter closely on the ground.

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

  
BAN Ki-moon

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