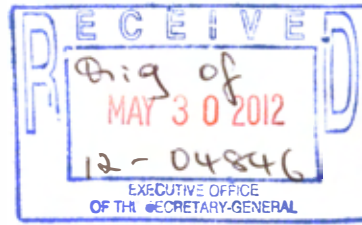


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23rd May 2012

Dear Secretary General

Thank you for your recent letter. I very much welcome your offer of further engagement between the Scottish Government and the United Nations through your Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning, Mr Robert Orr. I have written to Mr Orr to put in train our continued efforts to deepen our cooperation, which I am copying to you for your information.

I am committed to ensuring Scotland plays its part in the collective efforts of the UN, business and governments around the world to bring about improved standards of sustainable energy for all peoples and for the good of our environment. I look forward to the Scottish Government working alongside and supporting the UN in pursuit of these goals.

*Yours faithfully
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23.1 May 2012

Dear Mr Orr

Further to recent exchanges between Secretary General BAN Ki-moon and myself I am delighted to be writing to you to take forward a deepening of the cooperation between the Scottish Government and the UN.

As I discussed with the Secretary General when we met at the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi last year, Scotland is in an excellent position to play a leading role in our common efforts to find lasting sustainable solutions to global energy challenges. We are on track to meet our challenging and world leading statutory commitments to reduce CO2 emissions by at least 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050, targets which were passed with unanimous support of the Scottish Parliament.

The Clean Energy Ministerial in London last month, highlighted the importance of the UN's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4A) initiative. Major economic nations must work together to achieve its objectives and, despite the many fiscal challenges facing our economies, there is a genuine will for public private cooperation to overcome the barriers that hold us back in our efforts to develop a global low carbon market. I have no doubt that it is this kind of cooperation that holds the key to unlocking the planet's potential for clean energy and delivering climate justice.

The Rio+20 Earth Summit in June offers the world an opportunity which must be seized upon to commit to delivering SE4A. Scotland's Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Stewart Stevenson MSP, will attend the Summit as part of the UK delegation to make the case for high ambition among world leaders. Mr Stevenson would be very happy to support and promote an SE4A platform and give voice to Scotland's commitment and pioneering approach.

Later this month the Scottish Government will be launching a Climate Justice Fund, building on the work we have been taking forward with Mary Robinson of MRFCJ (Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice), former President of Ireland and former UN High Commission for Human Rights. I would be like to extend an invite to you to attend this launch, or to nominate a suitable representative. My Diary Secretary will be in touch with further details.

Our work with Mary Robinson shows the importance of collaboration to ensure climate justice. My officials have already provided information to the UN high level group detailing how the Scottish Government, in partnership with Strathclyde University are working to provide reliable electricity to rural areas of Malawi. With funding of £1.7 million, we are working with the people of Malawi to develop their renewable energy capabilities and climate change policies, bringing electricity to 50 villages in Malawi. As you know we are working to replicate this initiative elsewhere and my officials will be in touch with you to discuss how the Scottish Government and the UN might work together to this end.

My officials will follow-up this correspondence with you directly to arrange discussions on next steps. I look forward to Scotland supporting the UN in its efforts to ensure a more sustainable, diverse and equitable energy landscape for the peoples of our planet.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Y. of Scotland' on the top line and 'Alex Salmond' on the bottom line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

ALEX SALMOND