Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your detailed letter of 22 February 2016, and for your kind words about the outcome of the climate negotiations at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris. I also appreciate your sustained advocacy on behalf of the poorest and most vulnerable people and countries which are being so severely affected by changing climates. This reflects a team effort in which you, as Special Envoy on Climate Change, have played a key role.

I agree that the Paris Agreement is an agreement for humanity, which gives the world a basis for building a fair and effective response to climate change in the coming years. The concerns of vulnerable people, and their countries, have, indeed, been heard.

I appreciate your hard work to ensure the financing for least developed countries and for facilitating the announcements of pledges to the Least Developed Countries Fund in Paris. I am also grateful for the list you included of outstanding issues that need continuing attention both from myself and from my successor. I will, indeed, take time to gather views on how the United Nations, particularly my Climate Change Support Team (CCST), can support both the Climate Envoys and the Secretary-General’s climate agenda in the years to come.

It troubled me to read your major concerns about the pattern of support you received from the CCST and that you were, on occasions, unable to meet with me when you wished.

On 1 January 2016, Dr. David Nabarro started working as my Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. From 1 February 2016, he also assumed responsibility for the CCST. I have asked him to help to ensure that the work on climate change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in my office are taken forward in an integrated manner.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Mary Robinson
President
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In view of the substantial points that you make, I would like to request that you be in touch with Dr. Nabarro to explain your concerns in detail so that he can take them fully into account, as he and the CCST continue to support me in the coming months. I hope that it will be possible for you to speak with him as soon as possible so that no time is lost. I will ask Dr. Nabarro to share the content of your conversations with me, so that we may discuss what actions should be taken for the future. I assure you that the information you share with him will be treated confidentially.

I hope that it will be possible for us to meet again very soon, despite our busy travel schedules. I do hope also that you will be able to join me in New York, on 22 April 2016, when I will host the ceremony for the signing of the Paris Agreement.

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

BAN Ki-moon