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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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Your Excellency:

I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to you for the precious time you shared with me and Mr. Gareth Evans to discuss nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, which are of great importance to the international community.

The Commission plans to produce an action-oriented report before the end of this year to contribute to a successful outcome of 2010 NPT RevCon and to advance the objective of a world free of nuclear weapons. I believe that this report will be able to support the United Nations in playing a strong leadership role in the international endeavors to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

I thank you again for your support to the work of the Commission. Together with Mr. Gareth Evans, I am determined to fulfill our mission as Co-Chairs of the Commission, making every effort to lead the work of the Commission to its successful outcome.

Sincerely yours,



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