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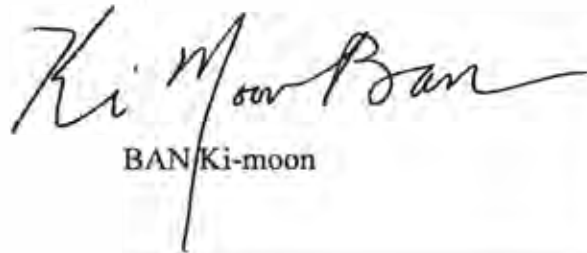
Dear Mr. Sanbar,

I sincerely appreciate your expression of condolences at the tragic loss of life among United Nations personnel serving in Haiti as a result of the devastating earthquake which struck on 12 January 2010. Your kind words are a source of great comfort during this difficult period.

As the United Nations family mourns its losses, we also remain committed to our mission in Haiti and to the recovery and reconstruction of the country. I am sure that the dearest wish of our fallen colleagues would be that we carry forward the work they performed so valiantly.

Thank you again for your solidarity and support, and for your kind offer to volunteer for service.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
The Secretary General
United Nations

New York 19 January 2010



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Excellency

I have the honour to offer profound condolences and share deepest sorrow at the tragic loss of United Nations officials in Haiti. Amongst them were former close colleagues whom I had known for decades, like Hedi Annabi and Luiz da Costa as well as Andrew Greene, Special Assistant to your Special Representative, who had started his work with me while I headed the Department of Public Information.

At this challenging time for Haiti as well as for our beloved Organization, we all stand behind your every effort to lead the international community in extending support for a Founding member of the United Nations. In this regard, I am readily available to volunteer for any relevant service you may deem required.

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

With best wishes

Yours Sincerely

Samir Sanbar

SAMIR SANBAR**International Communications and Media Consultant**

- Served at the United Nations with five different Secretaries-Generals in various capacities including United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and head of the Department of Public Information
- Implemented the appointment of women in all senior posts, substantially raising their level of representation to exceed 50 per cent, the first by a UN department.
- Established United Nations presence on the Internet, with the launch of the UN Website (www.un.org) in June 1995. By February, 1998, more than five million accesses per month to the site had been registered.
- Organized and chaired the first and second UN World Television Forum at UN Headquarters, an unprecedented gathering of prominent communications and personalities from all regions and cultures, with a balance between representatives of public and private broadcasting.
- Initiated a series of special gatherings, particularly among creative artists, communicators and public figures from all parts of the world to encourage dialogue among professionals and communications among cultures, with a focus on the impact of current issues on the quality and dignity of life.
- Special Representative to head the UN Observer Mission to Verify the Referendum in Eritrea, which became a UN member state in May 1993.
- Served as Director of the United Nations Information Centres (68 centres around the world) in the Department of Public Information from 1987 to 1993. Chief, United Nations Centres Services from 1982 to 1987. Undertook special assignments for the Secretary-General.
- Served as Secretary of its Board of Trustees of the UN Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR).
- Before joining the UN, worked as a columnist and journalist in international media.

- Script writer of television documentaries and radio programmes.
- Author of several publications including two books of short stories.

Board Memberships

- Member and Chairman, United Nations Appointment and Promotions Board, from September 1986 through May 1996.
- Chairman, Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC) 1996 – 1998.
- Chairman, United Nations Staff Recreation Council 1996 – 1998.
- Member, Board of Directors, UN International School 1994 – 1996.
- Member, Board of Directors, Dag Hammarskjold Tower.
- Member, Board of Directors, The International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.