



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Election Contracts

8 January 2007

Dear Mr. Smith,

I write on taking office as Secretary-General to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

As you know, I assume my duties at a time of daunting challenges in world affairs -- from the range of crises troubling our world to the need to defend human rights and move forward in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Yet I also know that the demands placed on the United Nations demonstrate that our Organization is very much alive, that it is on the front line in addressing crises and giving hope to people around the world, and that it is a force to be reckoned with, among Governments and people everywhere.

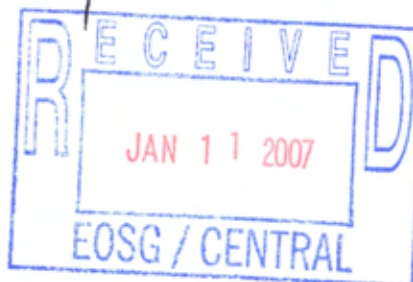
I am determined to do all in my power to ensure that our United Nations can live up to those high expectations, and carry out effectively the ever more global role which Member States have entrusted to it. By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations -- security, development and human rights, all underpinned by the rule of law -- we can build a more peaceful, more prosperous and more just world for succeeding generations. In that effort, I will seek to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder, and do all I can to restore trust in the Organization.

I am reassured to know that in that endeavour, I will have your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ban Ki-moon

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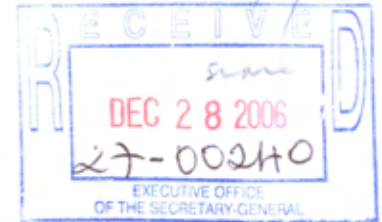
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Dear Secretary-General-designate:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your recent election to serve as the next United Nations Secretary General. Rapid population growth exacerbates or is an underlying cause for many of the most serious global concerns today, and will undoubtedly influence much of the work in your new capacity as Secretary General.

A victim of its own success, population assistance and family planning assistance receive declining consideration as fertility rates have fallen throughout most developed countries. This success, however, has failed to reach or fully take hold in a number of less developed states, where staggering population growth slows, stagnates and even reverses health and economic advances. The dire situation in these underserved regions perpetuates the cycle of environmental decline, poverty, disease and insecurity.

Your appointment to be the next United Nations Secretary General is a testament to your experience, your expertise, and your compassion. I encourage you to use these talents and this influential position to ensure that rapid population growth remains a priority concern of the United Nations.

Wishing you great success, I look forward to following your work as you lead the world's foremost international organization toward fulfilling its enormous promise and potential in the critical years ahead.

Sincerely,

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