



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 December 2013

*Sehr geehrter Herr Außenminister Steinmeier,*

I would like to convey my congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Your country's deep international engagement and its support for the work and ideals of the United Nations is a critical asset for our Organization, and I am certain that under your experienced guidance it will be further strengthened. I wish you every success in carrying out the responsibilities under your new mandate and look forward to working closely with you on matters of mutual interest and concern.

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

*Ich freue mich auf eine gute Zusammenarbeit  
und darauf, Sie bald wieder zu sehen.*

*Ban Ki-moon*  
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His Excellency  
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