



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 January 2014

Excellency,

I am writing in connection with your re-election as Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

I deeply regret the loss of life and incidents of violence that marred the recent Parliamentary election as well as the low participation of voters. The current environment of polarization is worrisome to the Bangladeshi people who expect their government to ensure an inclusive political process and a conducive environment that protects and guarantees their fundamental rights of assembly and expression.

I count on your wise leadership to resume the constructive dialogue with the opposition which was initiated in early December 2013 and which should lead to an agreement on the modalities to hold the inclusive elections all the people of Bangladesh strive for. Constructive engagement between your new administration, all political parties and stakeholders will be important for national reconciliation and for the consolidation of the progress of Bangladesh in the twin areas of democracy and development.

The United Nations stands ready to work with you to support the democratic process of Bangladesh in accordance with the principles of inclusiveness, dialogue, non-violence and reconciliation.

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

SG to PM of Bangladesh
(congratulations)
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