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 Mr. Jan Eliasson  
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Dear Mr. Eliasson,


I thank you very much for your letter dated January 17, 2013 and for your very kind words. I was extremely pleased and honored to prepare your visit to the World Bank in Washington and your meetings with our President, Board of Directors and senior management. I was also delighted to work with your team in the lead up to your visit, and I am very grateful for the very smooth and effective collaboration that we share on a daily basis.

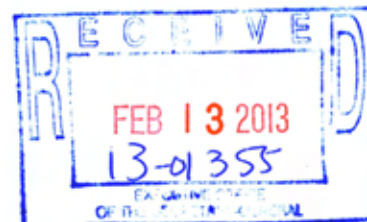
The feedback that I have received from my colleagues in Washington was unanimously positive, and all of them very much look forward to your participation in our upcoming Spring Meetings. I shall ensure that we communicate to you shortly a detailed program of events.

Thanks to your personal engagement in raising the profile and effectiveness of the collaboration between our institutions, I am confident that we will contribute to further bridging the gap between "Washington and New York", and pave the way for a solid and constructive dialogue on a number of critical development priorities as well as joint initiatives between the United Nations and the World Bank Group.

I hereby wish to thank you again for the privilege of collaborating with you and your team, and very much look forward to exploring more opportunities for collaboration in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
 Dominique Bichara

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