



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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20 August 2007

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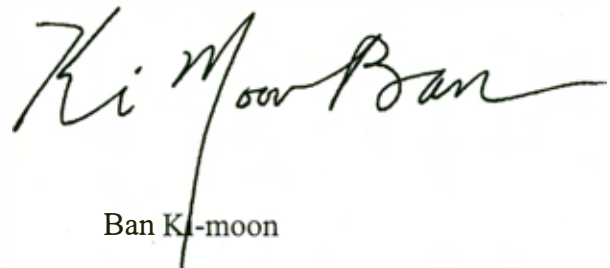
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Yours sincerely,

  
Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Jonathan Granoff  
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New York

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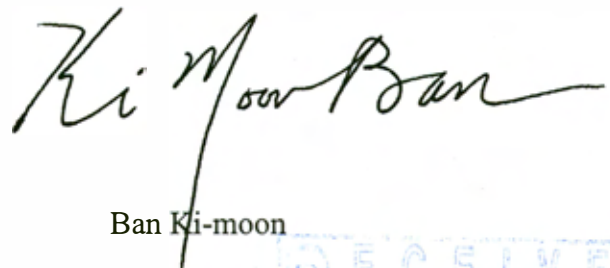
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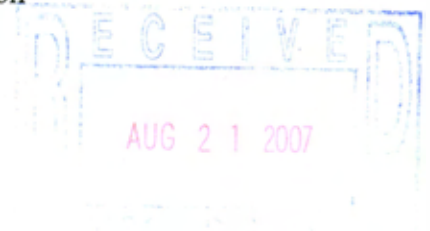
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**Note to Mr. Nambiar**

**Letter from the Global Security Institute**

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Further to your note of 10 August 2007, in which you refer to a letter your office received from the Global Security Institute and request that my office prepare a response, please find attached a draft of this response for the approval and signature of the Secretary-General.

Sergio Duarte  
17 August 2007

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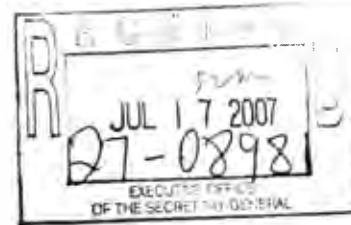
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

On behalf of the Global Security Institute and the Middle Powers Initiative, we wish to extend our congratulations to you for your selection of Ambassador Sergio Duarte as your High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. This appointment resoundingly fulfills your promise to the General Assembly and civil society that the High Representative "would report directly to me, and would be part of the top policy decision-making process in the Secretariat."

We, and many of our colleagues, have gotten to know Ambassador Duarte well over the years and find him to be one of the most knowledgeable diplomats in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, astute and well-respected. As you may know, our organizations were among the civil society groups advocating for an expanded DDA at the beginning of your tenure. We were extremely pleased when you told the member states on February 16 that the High Representative would hold the rank of Under Secretary General, thus clarifying one of the points of greatest concern. By appointing such a senior diplomat, you have given substance to your promise. Ambassador Duarte is certainly capable of meeting these demands.

Once again, congratulations and please be assured of our continued support for the vital work of the United Nations in this field.

Sincerely Yours,

Douglas Roche, O.C.

Chairman  
Middle Powers Initiative

Cc: H.E. Sergio Duarte

Jonathan Granoff

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