



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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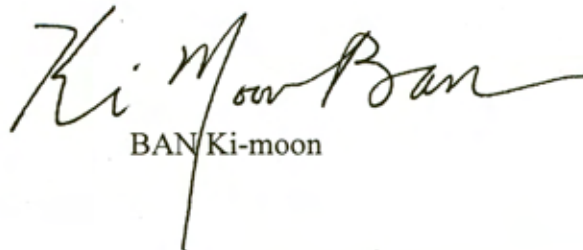
Your Highness,

I should like to express my deepest appreciation for your assistance to the Organization following the heinous attack against a guesthouse in which United Nations staff resided on 28 October 2009 in Kabul. Your swift actions in ensuring safe passage to United Nations personnel from Afghanistan through Dubai, and the strong support you provided in the relocation of approximately 50 staff from the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) to Dubai, were of crucial importance.

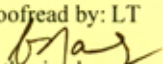
Although UNAMA is taking necessary measures to upgrade security arrangements for staff operating in Afghanistan, it will nevertheless be necessary, for some time, to have certain UNAMA staff working out of offices in Dubai.

I value greatly all the actions you have taken to assist our staff during this most challenging period.

Please accept, Your Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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