



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

18 March 2015

Dear Mr. Rosen,

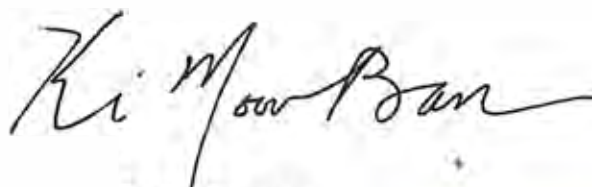
I wish to thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2015 on the situation in the Middle East. I value our regular exchanges of views on global affairs, most recently on 7 January 2015 in New York.

I share your deep concerns regarding the situation in the Middle East, which has witnessed dramatic changes over the past few years. The United Nations system does not spare any effort to help address the many political, human rights, humanitarian and development challenges facing the region.

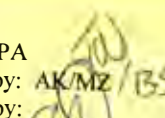
I have made the region, including Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen, a top priority for my good offices. I also strongly believe that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains a core peace and security issue for the region. I share your assessment that the Arab Peace Initiative – with its vision for a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict – remains an important framework in that regard. Arab partners have a significant role to play. Accordingly, as agreed in Munich on 8 February 2015, the Quartet will remain actively engaged in preparing for a resumption of the peace process in the coming period, including regular and direct outreach to Arab states.

You can count on my full commitment to help achieve a just and durable peace between Israelis and Palestinians, by establishing a sovereign and independent State of Palestine living side-by-side with Israel in peace and security. I also count on your continued leadership and wisdom in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
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