



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 June 2007

Excellency,

I write to thank you for your letter of 13 June 2007 and for your warm words of congratulations on the occasion of my birthday.

I would also like to add that I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

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

*Ban Ki-moon*  
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