



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 August 2007

Dear Mr. Barrett,

I wish to acknowledge, with appreciation, receipt of your letter of 30 July 2007, transmitting the report of the Panel of Government Experts on Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification. As requested by the General Assembly, I shall transmit the report for its consideration at its sixty-first session.

I am deeply encouraged by the Panel's adoption of the report by consensus. The issue of verification of compliance with disarmament and arms regulation treaties, agreements and other commitments has been the subject of much debate by the international community over the last several years. The initiative taken by the Canadian Government to convene another round of meetings of government experts, following the two previous reports presented on this subject in 1990 and 1995, was a timely effort, though by no means without challenges.

Allow me then, to express, through you, my appreciation to all the members of the Panel for demonstrating the cooperative spirit crucial for the adoption of this report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Panel members sincerely for their persistence, determination and personal commitment to the subject of verification and to the United Nations.

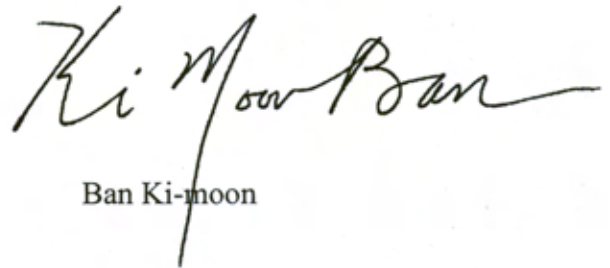
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The Panel would not have arrived at a successful conclusion without the diplomacy and the leadership you so amply demonstrated in finding common ground among the experts. I wish to express personally my appreciation for your invaluable contribution as Chairman and wish you success in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

Ban Ki-moon