



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Yours sincerely,



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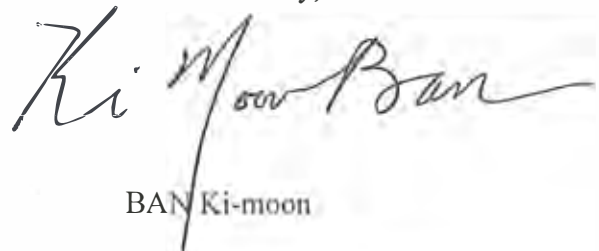
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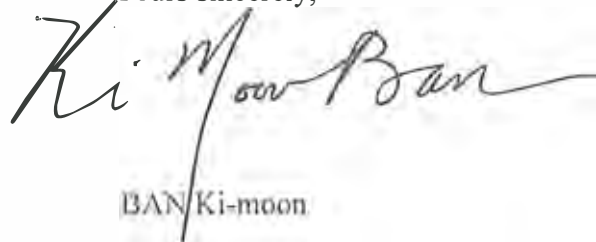
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While your functions require that you report directly to the Co-Chairs of the Group, you can rely on the collaboration of my Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, Ms. Amina Mohammed, and Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Gass, who serve on the Group as ex officio members and will provide a vital link to the United Nations system.

Yours sincerely,


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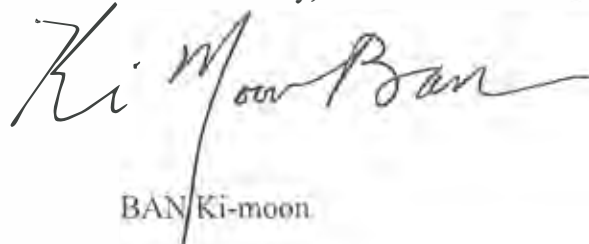
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