



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

28 December 2011

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to thank you for welcoming me and my delegation during my visit to Doha from 10 to 12 December 2011. Please also extend my sincere thanks to His Excellency Dr. Mutlaq M. Al-Qahtani for his invaluable support.

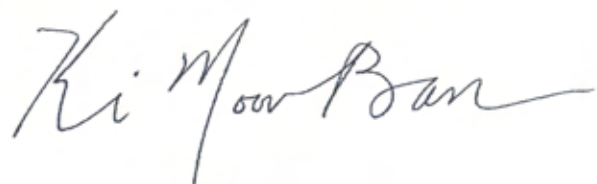
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your Government for so generously hosting the Fourth United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Forum. The event served to highlight the need for cross-cultural collaboration in achieving development goals, and in particular the Millennium Development Goals.

I am personally committed to continuing to advance the role of the UN Alliance of Civilizations as a tool for preventive diplomacy, and for ensuring that cultural diversity is harnessed for addressing common challenges across the global community.

I also appreciated your warm hospitality at the luncheon that you hosted for me and my delegation. I found the discussions during the lunch most useful in advancing our efforts towards achieving the goals of the Organization.

The United Nations and its agencies, for their part, stand ready to work in full cooperation with you and your Government on continuing to support the valuable work and mission of the United Nations and the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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