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MESSAGE TO INTERDEPENDENCE DAY FORUM 2008
"THE CITY AS COMMONS IN A DIVIDED WORLD"
Brussels, 12 September 2008

I am pleased to greet those gathered in Brussels to honour the sixth Interdependence Day forum and celebration. Because Brussels is one of Europe's great capitals and a home of the European Commission and European Parliament, it is particularly fitting that you are holding your meeting there. The United Nations has been dedicated to creating constructive forms of cooperation and interdependence from the time of its founding, and I support and applaud your efforts to engage artists, civic leaders, politicians and scholars in furthering this task. As you move from one global city to another -- last year in Mexico City, next year in Istanbul, and then in Berlin -- seeking new global forms of governance that can nurture social justice, democracy and peace, I will be with you in spirit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ki Moon Ban".
BAN Ki-moon

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Signed on 9/10