



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

11 April 2012

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter following the launch of the report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability. The request I made of the Panel was not an easy one. I am grateful for your leadership and commitment in guiding the Panel towards the successful completion of its report “Resilient people, resilient planet: a future worth choosing”.

I am pleased to share with you that, on 16 March 2012, I had the opportunity to discuss the Panel’s report with Member States during an informal plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly. Coupled with the publication of the report as an official document of the United Nations (A/66/700), this discussion came at an opportune moment, before the resumption of the negotiations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). I urged all Members States to thoroughly consider the recommendations of the Panel in their deliberations.

Rest assured that I have begun taking concrete steps towards realizing the Panel’s recommendations addressed to me, including the creation of a sustainable development strategy for the United Nations system and strengthening the interface between policy and science.

Her Excellency  
Ms. Tarja Halonen  
Former President of the Republic of Finland  
Helsinki

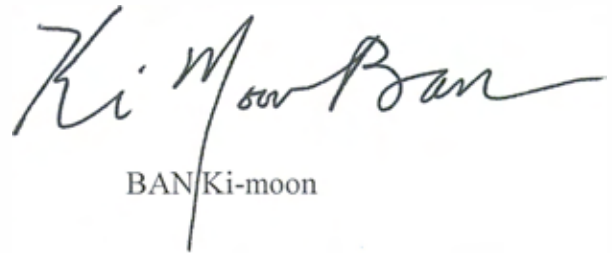
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I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on receiving the TERI 2012 Sustainable Development Leadership Award in New Delhi. This is a well-deserved award, which recognizes your long-standing commitment to achieving sustainable development, as demonstrated by your leadership within my Panel and beyond. It is a leadership role that I sincerely hope you will continue to play in the follow-up to the Panel's recommendations.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in advancing a resilient "future worth choosing".

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



BAN/Ki-moon

**Note to Ms. Malcorra**

**Secretary-General's reply to letter by President Halonen**

Please find attached, for your approval and the Secretary-General's signature, a letter to H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, former President of the Republic of Finland and Co-Chair of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP). This letter has been prepared in response to the letter sent to the Secretary-General by President Halonen on 22 February 2012, following the launch of the GSP report.



Robert Orr  
10 April 2012

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Helsinki, 22 February 2012

Dear Secretary-General of UN

Now that your High-level Panel on Global Sustainability has finalized its report by consensus I wish to thank you for the trust you placed on me as a Co-Chair of the Panel, and for your patience when the Panel had to extend its work.

The mandate you gave us was demanding, but I can tell you that the whole Panel welcomed the mandate just because it called for our inspired, bold thinking. When we started our work you said that you will not interfere in our deliberations. And you never interfered, but, nevertheless, were always there to give us encouragement and support.

There was one feature in the membership which made me particularly happy. That was, of course, the gender balance. And it turned out that the male Panelists, too, supported one of our primary recommendations, empowering women in the economy.

It was regrettable that my schedule as the President of the Republic of Finland did not allow me to be present in person at the launch of the Panel Report in Addis Ababa. At the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit a few days later I, with the help of some members of the Panel, we got good publicity to the Report.

At the Delhi Summit the TERI awarded me the 2012 Sustainable Development Leadership Award, allowing thus me to join you in the fraternity of TERI awardees. I take this recognition as a testimonial of appreciation of the Panel's work.

It is my sincere wish that the Panel Report will, among other things, assist you in implementing your priorities during the second term in the office.

Yours sincerely,

*Tarja Halonen*  
Tarja Halonen  
President of the Republic of Finland

His Excellency  
Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
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**Letter from President of Finland**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a scanned copy to a letter from President of Finland H.E. Mr. Tarja Halonen. The original will be delivered to your offices tomorrow.

Best regards,  
Jonna

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