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Your Holiness,

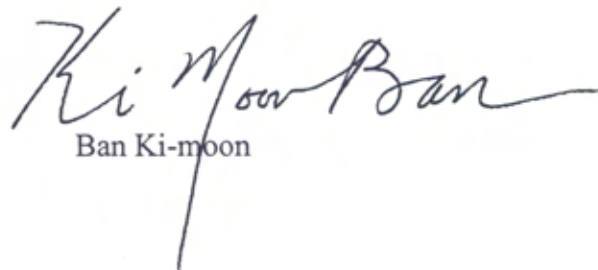
I write on taking office as Secretary-General to thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am deeply heartened to know that I have your support as I undertake the vast responsibilities before me.

As you know, I assume my duties at a time of daunting challenges in world affairs -- from the range of crises troubling our world to the need to defend human rights and move forward in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. Yet I also know that the demands placed on the United Nations demonstrate that our Organization is very much alive, that it is on the front line in addressing crises and giving hope to people around the world, and that it is a force to be reckoned with, among Governments and people everywhere.

I am determined to do all in my power to ensure that our United Nations can live up to those high expectations, and carry out effectively the ever more global role which Member States have entrusted to it. By strengthening the three pillars of the United Nations -- security, development and human rights, all underpinned by the rule of law -- we can build a more peaceful, more prosperous and more just world for succeeding generations. In that effort, I will seek to act as a harmonizer and bridge-builder, and do all I can to restore trust in the Organization.

I am reassured to know that in that endeavour, I will have your support.

Please accept, Your Holiness, the assurances of my highest esteem.

  
Ban Ki-moon

His Holiness  
The Dalai Lama  
New York

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Dear Mr. Wangdi,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yoon Yeocheol'.

Mr. Yoon Yeocheol  
Special Assistant  
Chief, Scheduling Unit

Mr. Tashi Wangdi  
Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama  
The Office of Tibet  
New York

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THE DALAI LAMA

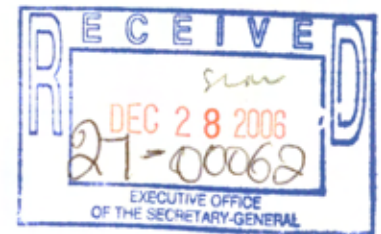
*(Have we replied already?)*

December 9, 2006

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General-Designate  
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Your Excellency,

I am happy that you will be assuming the high office of the Secretary General of United Nations. It is particularly encouraging that an Asian is once again chosen to assume this most important position in the world body. I extend to Your Excellency my warm felicitations and wish you success in the difficult tasks that lie ahead of you.

The principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations are an inspiration to mankind and the UN has engaged in many laudable peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts throughout the world. It has an extremely important role to play. The United Nations is the only world body that many smaller and less powerful nations can look up to for support and help. I am confident that with Your Excellency at the helm of affairs at the world body the UN will move further forward more effectively and more justly.

With prayers and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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December 26, 2006

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary General Designate  
The United Nations  
UN Plaza  
New York, NY 10017



Your Excellency,

I have the honor of forwarding herewith His Holiness the Dalai Lama's original letter of felicitation on your appointment as Secretary General of the United Nations. An advance fax copy of this letter was mailed on December 13.

With the assurance of my highest esteem and best wishes for the New Year,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Tashi Wangdi

Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in the US