



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 December 2014

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 November 2014 and for your leadership in the Peacebuilding Commission.

I am encouraged to hear about the importance that the Commission is giving to the potential impact of the Ebola crisis in the areas of security, local governance, political institutions and social cohesion in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. I am particularly grateful for the interest that the Commission has expressed in complementing recovery efforts in the affected countries.

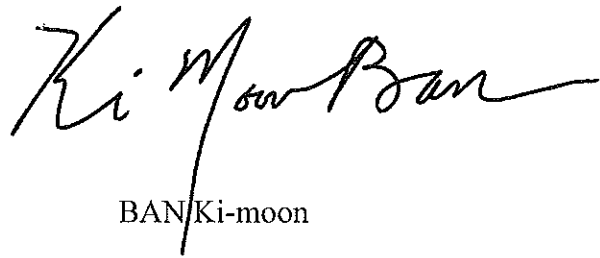
I fully agree with your extremely timely suggestion for the United Nations to undertake an assessment of the impact of the Ebola epidemic on post-conflict peacebuilding efforts in the three affected countries. I will mobilize the institutional resources and capacities of the United Nations system to ensure that the concerns of the Commission and the Governments of the three countries are addressed.

As we continue our efforts to end the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak, we must consider how the United Nations will address the socioeconomic consequences of the crisis in the affected countries. Just as it was essential to place the operational work relating to the Ebola response under the overall leadership of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response, it is similarly critical for the work on Ebola-related recovery to be coordinated in order to ensure effective, efficient and coherent action.

His Excellency
Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission
New York

Towards this end, I have tasked the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with leading the initiatives of the United Nations system on Ebola-related recovery. UNDP will undertake these tasks in consultation with the Economic Commission for Africa, my Special Envoy on Ebola, the Peacebuilding Support Office, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the World Bank and the African Union.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "Moon".

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