



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. Ordzhonikidze,

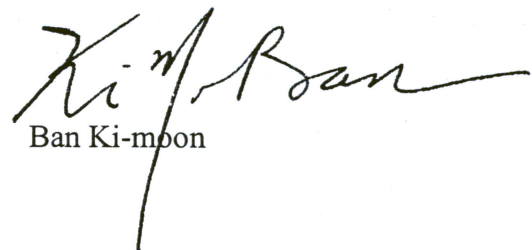
I have been meaning to write in response to your report of 8 January concerning the visit to the United Nations Office in Geneva of His Excellency Mr. Ri Tcheul, the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in Geneva, which I read with interest.

As my Special Representative to the Conference of Disarmament, I am appreciative of your continued efforts, to help facilitate progress in this area of United Nations activity, as well as those aimed at engaging in further dialogue the parties directly involved in the six-party talks.

I urge you to take full advantage of this additional diplomatic channel of communication available to you. I also encourage you to foster an informal interaction with the Ambassador to work jointly towards creating an environment conducive to the peaceful resolution of the issue in the Korean Peninsula.

Please do not hesitate to keep me abreast periodically of developments on that front. I look forward to our own exchange of views in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ki-moon', is written over the typed name 'Ban Ki-moon'.

Ban Ki-moon

Mr. Sergei A. Ordzhonikidze
Director-General of the United Nations Office
at Geneva