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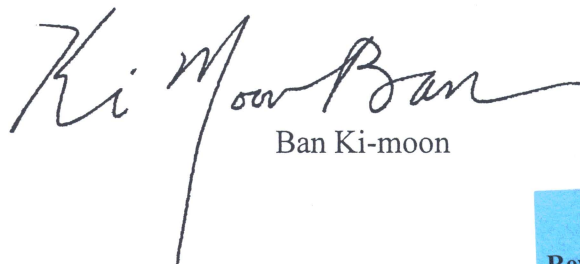
Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly Resolution 62/178 dated 19 December 2007, by which the Assembly decided to convene a high-level meeting on AIDS from 10 to 11 June 2008 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York. This high-level meeting seeks to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS. It also aims to promote the continued engagement of leaders in a comprehensive global response to the epidemic.

This high-level meeting comes at a crucial time. We are only two years away from the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010. While there is growing evidence that AIDS investments in previous years are paying off, progress has been at times slow and uneven, both geographically and in certain programme areas. Critically, HIV prevention is lagging far behind the big strides that have been made in expanding access to HIV treatment.

AIDS remains a formidable development challenge and a leading cause of death globally. We must spare no effort to ensure that everyone can access HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. I hope that the forthcoming high-level meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss earnestly not only the progress made, but also the challenges remaining and sustainable ways to overcome them. I trust you will ensure that your Government is represented by a delegation of foremost authority and ability.

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


Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
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Signed on 29 January
**Revised letter to HoS on
HIV/AIDS High-level meeting**
Revised by SC and UNAIDS
in consultation with the
PGA's Office
