



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

27 July 2007

Dear Mr. ElBaradei,

On behalf of the United Nations family, I am pleased to extend our congratulations to you on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Since its inception, the IAEA has demonstrated admirable dedication and commitment to promoting “atoms for peace” and responding to the challenges derived therefrom through the activities within the framework of its three pillars of safety and security; science and technology; and safeguards and verification.

Over the past half a century of distinguished international services, the IAEA has strived to accelerate and expand its contributions to security and development. I applaud the ceaseless efforts made by the IAEA towards this end, particularly under your effective leadership since 1997. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I remain deeply committed to supporting the work of your Agency.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations as you celebrate this historic milestone and look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ki Moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the name.

Ban Ki-moon

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