



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Excellency,

The 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) has now entered its final and crucial phase, with only 48 hours remaining until its conclusion. I am writing to convey through you to all delegations my personal message of support for a successful outcome.

I understand that in the first three weeks of the 2010 NPT Review Conference, many constructive proposals have been put forward covering all three NPT pillars. As expected, there have also been strongly held, divergent views. However, I believe that all participants overwhelmingly want a successful outcome.

Indeed, this 2010 NPT Review Conference offers an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation regime, to make progress towards fulfilling the goals and objectives of the Treaty with the highest possible levels of accountability and transparency, and to achieve advances in the implementation of its three pillars: disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Now is the time for delegations to be pragmatic and coalesce around solutions that will advance the interest of the whole community of nations. I encourage all States parties to the NPT to step up their work with flexibility and in a cooperative spirit, to reach agreement on an outcome document that will contribute to strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime and to further progress on nuclear disarmament.

His Excellency

Mr. Libran N. Cabactulan

President of the 2010 NPT Review Conference and

Permanent Representative of the Philippines

to the United Nations

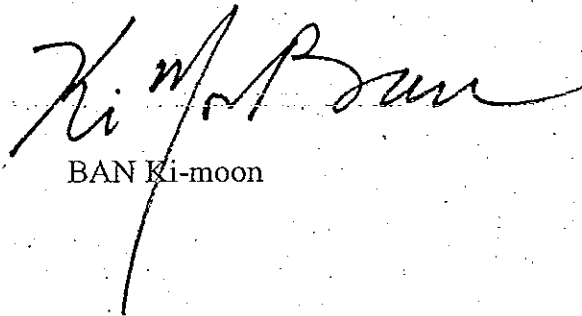
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There is too much at stake for the conference to repeat the failure of 2005. It is particularly vital that progress be achieved in addressing long-standing deadlocks in nuclear disarmament and in strengthening non-proliferation efforts. The world is watching.

Please be assured that the Parties to the NPT can rely on the full support of the United Nations system in the vital work that lies ahead to realize a safer world.

I have full confidence, Excellency, in your ability to lead the Conference to a successful outcome that advances our common objectives. I wish you and all delegations the best in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ban Ki-moon', with a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards.

BAN Ki-moon