



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 October 2010

Dear Ms. Starrs,

I would like to commend you for the significant contribution to women's and children's health made over the past year by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH).

By supporting the development of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, PMNCH has helped to deliver the critical roadmap that will guide global efforts for years to come. The Global Strategy would not have been possible without your strong advocacy and outreach, nor without the careful work of the Partnership to synthesize comments from the full range of contributors.

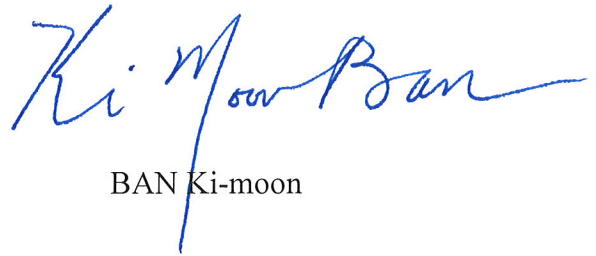
I was very encouraged that Heads of State and Government, along with the private sector, foundations, international organizations, civil society and research organizations, have come together to commit over \$40 billion in new resources for women's and children's health.

The financial, service delivery and policy commitments made in support of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health comprise a major step in delivering on the promise of a healthy future for today's and future generations of millions of women and children. But our success will depend on a robust accountability process and continued mobilization of political and operational support. I will continue to count on your leadership to translate promises into deeds and to both deepen and broaden our coalition.

Ms. Ann Starrs
President
Family Care International
New York

I have sent similar letters to the other members of the PMNCH Board. Together, we can move from commitment into action, and translate our investments into lives saved, families protected and economically viable communities built around a foundation of good health. All of us have a role to play. We can and must make the world a healthier and safer place, for every woman and every child.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "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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