



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 March 2010

Dear Mr. Bautista,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 22 February 2010 regarding Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) access to the United Nations premises.

Despite careful planning, significant challenges remain from the current stage of the implementation of the Capital Master Plan. Indeed, the situation is difficult, not only for the NGOs, but also for the Member States and the Secretariat.

I have directed all departments concerned, including those directly involved with United Nations building management, to seek sound and coordinated solutions to providing access to as many NGOs as possible, within the security and safety requirements.

The functions of liaising with the NGO community are now designated to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Public Information. They serve as focal points for substantive interactions with NGOs and for coordinating support to ensure meaningful participation in United Nations meetings. I encourage you to remain in close touch with the two Departments.

I am sending a similar letter to Ms. Bani Dugal and Mr. James Paul.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being the most prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

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