



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 September 2016

Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit forthwith a letter from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, received on 21 September.

The letter concerns a partnership that the United Nations Secretariat is entering with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to create an outdoor recreation and exercise area for staff at the north-east corner of the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 September 2016

Dear Mr. President,

I write to inform you that the United Nations Secretariat is entering a unique partnership with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to create an outdoor recreation and exercise area for staff at the north-east corner of the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York.

As you know, this year marks the tenth and final year of my tenure as Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as the historic occasion of the thirty-first Summer Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro.

In observance of these milestones, and to demonstrate my deep appreciation for the dedication of United Nations staff, as well as a strong commitment to their ongoing health and well-being, I have developed this partnership with the IOC in order to create a new outdoor recreation area for staff at United Nations Headquarters in New York – a beautiful and landscaped location intended for United Nations staff to gather, socialize and to enjoy outdoor activities which are beneficial for their health and overall well-being.

In this regard, an Unveiling Ceremony to commemorate the Partnership between the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee for the future Staff Recreation Centre will take place tomorrow, 21 September 2016, in the United Nations Rose Garden.

I would like to ask for your kind help in informing Member States of this endeavour. I must also take this opportunity to assure you that the new recreation area will complement the architectural integrity of the complex, while enhancing the beauty of its gardens.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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

His Excellency  
Mr. Peter Thomson  
President of the General Assembly  
New York