



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

30 December 2008

Dear Mr. Omoregie,

As you complete your assignment as my Representative in Guinea-Bissau and Head of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in that country (UNOGBIS) on 31 December 2008, I would like to express my deep appreciation for your dedicated and distinguished service with the United Nations, which has spanned over three decades.

I am especially grateful for the professional and effective role you have played in leading the United Nations efforts over the past two years to help stabilize the volatile situation in Guinea-Bissau, as the country strives to consolidate a very fragile peace. Your efforts to bring the various stakeholders together to ensure a better coordinated process have contributed to creating a collaborative approach among the participating national, regional and international players, and are therefore very much appreciated.

May I wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon", is written over a printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Shola Omoregie
Representative of the Secretary-General
in Guinea-Bissau
Bissau