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Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative presents Credentials to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Her Excellency Ms. Ismat Jahan, the new Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, has presented her Credentials to Mr. Ban Ki- Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations this morning. During their meeting, the Secretary-General observed that Bangladesh has a special place at the United Nations system and assured that the United Nations would render every possible support for Bangladesh's development aspirations.

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon also praised the role of Bangladesh in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. He also appreciated Bangladesh's active role in the ongoing reform initiatives of the United Nations, including the restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations.

Ambassador Jahan reaffirmed Bangladesh's strong Commitment to the goals and objectives of the United Nations Charter, and to the various UN Initiatives and programmes for global peace, security and development. In this regard, she emphasized the active participation of Bangladesh in the UN Peacekeeping Operations as one of the leading Troop Contributing Countries (TCC). As member of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), she also noted Bangladesh's special interest in matters concerning this group of countries. Ambassador Jahan furthermore, assured the Secretary-General of Bangladesh's strong commitment to wide range of UN issues

in areas of development, environment, good governance, human rights and humanitarian programmes. As the new Ambassador of Bangladesh, she particularly expressed her keen desire to build upon Bangladesh's well known pro-active role in the United Nations and sought the Secretary-General's cooperation in this regard. Ambassador Jahan noted with pleasure that the new Secretary-General of the United Nations is not only an Asian but also from a country, with which Bangladesh has long-standing friendly relations.

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, during this meeting, recalled his visits to Dhaka as a young diplomat immediately after the independence of Bangladesh. He expressed his desire to visit Dhaka at a convenient time soon in order to express his solidarity with Bangladesh against the adverse effects of climate change. Ambassador Jahan renewed the invitation to the Secretary-General to visit Bangladesh, already extended by the Hon'ble Foreign Advisor Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management, was present on that occasion. Also present were Mr. Muhammad Ali Sorcar, Deputy Permanent Representative and Brigadier General Ilyas Iftekhar Rasul, ndc, psc, Defence Adviser.

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