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**Letter dated 5 October 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to my statement delivered at the High-level Meeting on the Sahel on 26 September 2012, where I expressed the intention to appoint a Special Envoy for the Sahel.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Romano Prodi (Italy) as my Special Envoy for the Sahel. Mr. Prodi has a long and distinguished career in government and international diplomacy as a consensus-builder, having served as Prime Minister of Italy and President of the European Commission for several years.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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