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The Secretary General

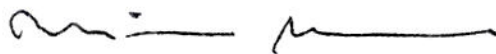
Strasbourg, 26 August 2011

Dear Secretary General,

I am writing to you to express my shock and sadness over yet another attack against a United Nations facility and its staff. While all the circumstances of today's attack against the UN headquarters in Abuja have not yet been clarified, it is evident that this was another terrorist attack against your colleagues striving to protect and promote peace, security and social and economic development of the local population in so many parts of the world.

Tragically, first reports mention numerous casualties, and I should like to offer my deepest condolence and sympathy for all those who lost their lives or suffered injuries in the attack. I know that this new senseless act of extremist violence will not intimidate the United Nations in carrying out its noble mission. In this, Secretary General, you may count on the Council of Europe's solidarity and support.

Sincerely,



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