



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 December 2013

Dear Mr. Spārītis,

I write to express my sincere gratitude to you for hosting a special tour of the Old City of Riga for me, my wife and my delegation during my visit to Latvia last month.

I thoroughly enjoyed the visit - the impressive sites were made all the more interesting through your detailed understanding and familiarity with the city and its history.

I admire and appreciate your commitment to the preservation of the historic treasures of the Old City for generations to come. Like you, I am a firm believer that a clear understanding of history is key to building a strong future. Thank you once more for sharing your time and knowledge with us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ki-moon Ban".

BAN/Ki-moon

Mr. Ojārs Spārītis
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