

**Appeal made at the UN climate change conference by  
the Secretary General at 13'30  
BALI, 15 December 2007**

**Distinguished Delegates,**

**I come before you very reluctantly. I am disappointed at the lack of progress. With a spirit of compromise and flexibility, we have made much progress in the last few days.**

**But now the hour is late. It is decision time. You have in your hands the ability to deliver to the people of the world a successful outcome to this 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties.**

**You have worked hard for many days and nights. But let me be clear, your work is not yet done.**

**In a multilateral negotiation of this nature no delegation can get everything it wants. No one ever leaves fully satisfied. Everyone should be ready to make compromises. What separates you now is not fundamental.**

**I appeal to you to make the necessary agreements now. Do not risk all that you have achieved.**

**The scientific realities affecting our planet demand a high level of ambition, in terms of what we aspire to do, when we aspire to do it, and what resources we mobilize for that.**

**You have before you a strong draft from the President of the COP. Seize the moment, this moment, for the good of all humanity.**

**A few days ago I noted that we were at a crossroad, with one path leading toward a new global climate agreement, and the other toward a betrayal of our planet and our children. You are about to take the first step down one of these paths. There is much at stake. I am confident that you will choose wisely.**