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His Excellency, Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

Dear Secretary-General

Copenhagen Climate Change Conference

I am writing to you as President of FIDIC, representing the global engineering community.

FIDIC represents over 1 million consulting engineers in 86 countries. They conceive, plan, design, construct and maintain over 50% of the world's infrastructure, with an annual investment currently of \$5.7 trillion. We believe it is vital that agreement is reached not simply on carbon emission targets but on meaningful action to mitigate and adapt to climate change which already affects our world.

We believe that consulting engineers are part of the solution to the result of resource conflicts, natural disasters, security of energy and transport supply, economic crises, and massive poverty. Our recent report 'State of the World' illustrates these points <http://www1.fidic.org/about/infra/>

It is vital we work together to contain the earth temperature rise to 2°C. The engineering profession globally is ready to use its enormous skills and innovation to ensure we meet the targets in time.

We hope you will accept our offer of giving evidence to the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference, as our expertise and insight can help shape the conclusions that the world's decision makers will reach.

Our world depends on your leadership.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregs Thomopulos'.

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