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Your Excellency,

Greetings from your friends in Utah!

The UN's sustainable mountain development (SMD) agenda is important to the people in the mountains of Utah; we desire to share our experiences and successes with other mountain nations in transition.

Since 2006 Utah Valley University (UVU) has been a member of the Mountain Partnership. We are dedicated to promoting our own SMD successes to the UN post-2015 agenda hence; we are concerned that the latest draft of the working SDG document barely mentions mountain concerns.

Remembering your personal interest and support of SMD activities, I ask for your help promoting mountain indicators during the UN 12th Open Working Group session when the international community discusses the draft of the working SDG document.

For your information I am enclosing a draft of a statement prepared by the Mountain Partnership secretariat.

We sincerely appreciate your friendship and help as the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations in helping mountain peoples' voices to be heard at the international level now and into the future.

If you have any questions concerning the draft or other activities during the session, you could send a message to the Coordinator of the MP secretariat Dr. Thomas Hofer by e-mail: Thomas.Hofer@fao.org.

I also asked Ambassador Baktybek Abdrisaev to follow up. He is my deputy as the focal point for the MP at UVU, as well as distinguished professor at our University. He is specially sent to represent our institution during the UN session in New York on June 16-19, 2014. His e-mail address is: abdrisba@uvu.edu, and mobile: 801-319-2197.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for your success,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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