



4 July 2013. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon arrived in Denmark last night on the second leg of a visit to two of the Nordic countries. Ban is in Copenhagen for the inauguration of the UN City – the new Headquarters of the world organization in Denmark. His talks with officials in the two country were influenced by current events the Snowden affair and Egypt.

The Seceretary-General issued a statement on Egypt soon after arrival in Copenhagen emphasising that is was “crucial to quickly reinforce civilian rule in accordance with principles of democracy.”

Earlier the Secretary-General wrapped up his visit to Iceland with a helicopter flight over Langjökull, a glacier that has been retreating considerably due to Climate Change. Looking for solutions Mr Ban also got first hand information on how Iceland increasingly relies on renewable energy, not least geothermal energy whichi is used to heat virtually all households in the country.

“Iceland is taking big steps to promote sustainable energy both at home and around the world,” Ban said in a lecture at the University of Iceland. “I have seen it for myself and I commend you for it. Energy will be critical in helping us avoid the worst impacts of climate change and in making a much-needed transition to sustainable development.”

Today the Secretary-General inaugurates the UN City in Copenhagen with Her Majesty Margarethe Queen of Denmark and has meetings with Prime Minister Helle Thorning Schmidt

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and Foreign Minister Villy Søvndal.