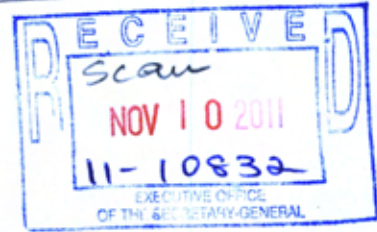


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His Excellency
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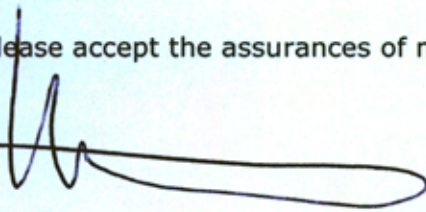
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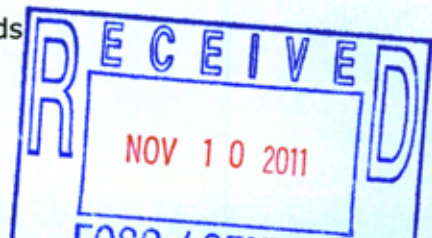
Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2011 regarding recent developments in Mogadishu and possible further Dutch support to AMISOM. We have been closely following the situation in Somalia, and I agree that the withdrawal of Al-Shabaab from Mogadishu is an important opportunity to improve the security situation in the capital.

The Netherlands is committed to a stable and secure Somalia. An effective logistical support package (from the UN) and generous financial and military support (from the EU) have been crucial to AMISOM's recent successes, both of which the Netherlands has indirectly contributed to. In addition, we have been supporting AMISOM through the pre-deployment training of Burundian and Ugandan troops, which is financed and carried out by the US Africa Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) programme, in partnership with the Netherlands.

Given the assistance already provided by the Netherlands to AMISOM, we have no plans to increase our support at this time. Naturally, we will continue to closely monitor the situation in Somalia, and any future requests for assistance to AMISOM will be given due consideration, taking account of the available resources, the added value of Dutch support, and the support being provided by the wider region, other countries, and international and regional organisations.

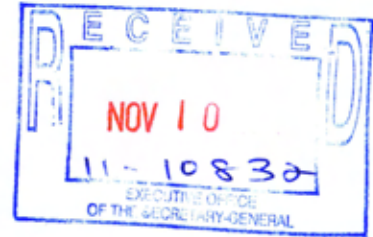
Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.


Uri Rosenthal
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands





*Netherlands Permanent Representative
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New York, 9 November 2011

Dear Secretary-General,

It is my pleasure to forward to you a letter from His Excellency Mr. Uri Rosenthal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands dated 27 October 2011 regarding recent developments in Mogadishu and possible further Dutch support to AMISOM.

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