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My dear Secretary General, Excellency!

I was deeply humbled by your presence at the Pakistan mission last week on January 20. I was even more humbled by the words you so graciously used to acknowledge my role here at the United Nations during the last two years. Your remarks were so thoughtful, appreciative and approving that it took me a while to absorb them. I will keep them as a memento for myself, my family and friends.

Your words to bid me farewell show your immense generosity of heart and spirit.

I also want to convey my deepest gratitude to you for hosting a special lunch for me on October 21 during which we discussed the proposed Partnership Facility.

Like billions of people around the world, I have always admired you. When I moved from Beijing to New York, it was my earnest desire to meet you in person. I was given this precious opportunity many times as Pakistan served in the Security Council.

Excellency, you have inspired people and leaders around the world. You have led nations and their leaders to meet global challenges covering peace and security, sustainable development, human rights, climate change, sustainable energy for all and fighting the proliferating threats of terrorism, violent extremism and major pandemics.

The world as you said last year is "living in an era of unprecedented level of crises." And you have tried to resolve them through your untiring and resolute statesmanship.

You are an accomplished mediator, a true bridge-builder, a determined leader and a symbol of hope for citizens and states in our troubled world. But what touches our heart most is your humanity, your humility and your natural empathy towards all. You truly care for mankind.

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We were honored when you visited Pakistan last year, celebrated the Independence Day with us, and inaugurated the Center for Peace and Stability at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST). That is also the highest watermark of my assignment here in New York.

Honorable Secretary General, you have always been with the people of Pakistan in hours of tragedy caused by natural calamities or terrorism. The people of Pakistan still remember you wading through the flooded lands of Pakistan in 2010. Similarly, your words of solace and comfort following the dastardly terrorist attack against children in a school in Pakistan in December last year are etched in our memory.

Although you have enormous pressures on your time, you have always used your good offices to quietly and effectively help resolve issues that have threatened to imperil security in our region.

Finally, thank you so much for your personal support to my mission here which enabled me to work so confidently and successfully.

It will be an honour for me to be of any service to you or the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

With my highest regards,



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