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Subject 10th Anniversary of Astana on 6 July 2008.

Dear Mr. Marusin,

The Chef de Cabinet has agreed to a request from Kazakhstan that the Secretary-General send a congratulatory message to President Nazarbayev on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Astana on 6 July. Our office would be grateful if you could provide a 300 words draft for this message by 1 July. Kindly sent the draft by email to Mr. Nathan Henninger in the speechwriting office.

Thank you.

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**MESSAGE ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF ASTANA
AND THE BIRTHDAY OF PRESIDENT NAZARBAYEV**
Astana, 6 July 2008

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The steppes and skies of central Asia have long held a special place in the world's imagination. Today, the skyline of Astana symbolizes a new Kazakhstan. The city is home to a range of ethnic origins and faiths living in harmony within a nation that is one of the most dynamic and economically successful in the region.

On this 10th anniversary of Astana, and on the birthday of President Nazarbayev, allow me to express my admiration for the role this vast country has played in bringing peace and stability to the region. Kazakhstan has understood that stability is not achieved by standing still, but by dynamic efforts to bring about peaceful change.

You took the wise and far-sighted decision to renounce nuclear weapons after independence, and promoted the initiative for a nuclear weapons free zone in central Asia. You have contributed personnel to United Nations peace missions in Nepal and Iraq and material resources to UN Funds and Programmes. You have actively supported the UN-led peace process in Tajikistan and acted as a guarantor state. Today, you are a steadfast supporter of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia based in Ashgabat. Indeed, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, initiated by Kazakhstan fifteen years ago, has become an important partner in promoting cooperation on peace and security across Asia. And your hosting of the first Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions has boosted Kazakhstan's image as a modern and tolerant state.

Central Asia continues to face many challenges -- from disputes over border demarcation and water resource management to trafficking in illegal drugs, extremism and terrorism. The only effective and long-term way to address them is wise governance built on respect for the rights and identities of all citizens, and healthy and balanced economic development. As the Kazakh people look to their Government to ensure their prosperity, rights and freedoms, the United Nations will be there to assist in any way we can. I send you my warmest wishes on this double celebration.



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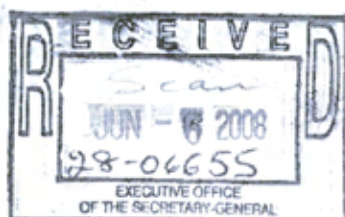


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Excellency,

On 6th of July this year, Kazakhstan is going to celebrate 10th anniversary of its new Capital – Astana.

Ten years ago, when the Government of Kazakhstan had been relocated there it was a small provincial town with poor living and economic conditions. Today, it is a dynamic modern city, which is recognized as one of the most vibrant capitals in our part of the world. The new capital is a symbol of new Kazakhstan, which economic growth is among 1st tenth countries in the world. We also have managed to maintain peace and stability during the hard time of transition as well as accord among multiple nations and faiths living in harmony there.

In this regard, I would highly appreciate, if you could express your congratulations and wishes toward Head of the State, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan by 1st of July 2008.

I avail myself of this opportunity, to express the assurance of my highest considerations.

Sincerely,

Byrganym Aitimova

His Excellency
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