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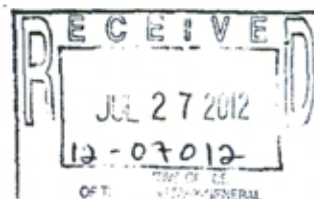
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United Nations
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Dear Security Council,

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I would like to thank you for your letter dated 29 May, concerning the EU's support to UNSMIS. You can count on the EU's continued full support to UNSMIS and the Special Envoy. We will reiterate our call on all parties to fully implement the six point plan and cooperate with UN monitors. The EU will pursue its efforts with key international players to push for a peaceful transition in Syria.

The European Union has taken note of your report on the implementation of resolution 2043(2012) and UNSMIS' end of mandate, including the four options you outlined for the continuation of the mission. I understand that the UN Security Council will soon discuss the future of the mission in light of your report.

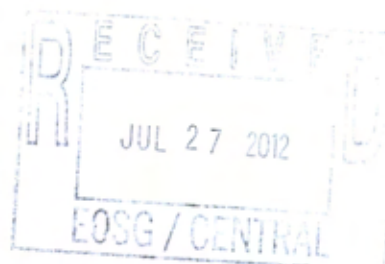
I sincerely hope that a solution will be found to ensure that UNSMIS will continue to effectively support the implementation of the Annan plan, even under the present difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ashton

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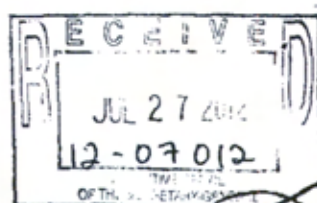
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Excellency,

Dear Sir,
Please find attached a letter concerning the EU's support to UNSMIS from the High Representative Ms Catherine Ashton addressed to the Secretary-General H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon.

I would be grateful if you could kindly transmit this letter to the Secretary-General.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Thomas Mayr-Harting
Ambassador

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