



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

26 October 2010

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 24 September 2010, inviting me to attend the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Heads of State and Government meeting on Afghanistan, to be held in Lisbon on 20 November 2010. I am pleased to accept your invitation to this important meeting.

Like you, I believe that the Lisbon discussions on Afghanistan take place at a crucial time. The gradual and conditions-based transition to the Afghan leadership will demand an even more coordinated approach from the international community. At the same time, we must remain focused on advancing ongoing initiatives, such as the Kabul Process and the need to meet the benchmarks agreed to at the Kabul Conference in July 2010.

The upcoming meeting in Lisbon will also provide us with an opportunity to follow up on our discussions in New York, during the General Assembly, on Afghanistan and on the broader topic of United Nations-NATO relations.

I very much look forward to seeing you in Lisbon and to participating in fruitful discussions on Afghanistan.

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


  
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