



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

5 August 2009

Excellency,

I would like to convey my warm congratulations upon the start of your tenure as the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

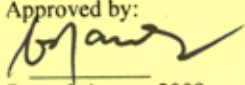
I wish you every success in carrying out your new responsibilities. Recognizing the excellent relationship between our two organizations, I am looking forward to our continued collaboration, within the framework of the joint UN-NATO Declaration, on matters of mutual interest and concern.

I am confident that, under your leadership, NATO will continue to play an important and constructive role in addressing challenges related to the maintenance of international peace and security.

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

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