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On a more personal note, I would like to address you as a former colleague who understands well the intricacies of the Ambassadorial job and unfavorable impression that might be interpreted as the inability to set up this meeting. Moreover, the awkwardness of the situation is doubled by the fact that this is the first visit of the newly elected President of Armenia to the UN.

I would really appreciate if you could find any possibility to reconsider this decision. In our turn, we would be happy to accommodate any timing you can come up with. Furthermore, as a possible solution to this problem, I would suggest that the meeting between the two is arranged at the margins of the General Debate, during numerous side events, where the President and the Secretary General can stop for a ten-minute conversation. I rely on your understanding and Secretary General's benevolence.

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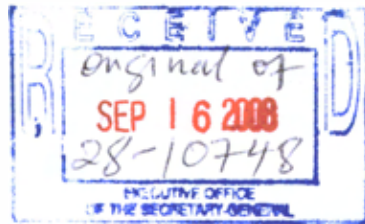
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