



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 August 2014

*Dear Mr. Carl,*

Mit tiefer Betroffenheit habe ich vom Ableben der Ersten Präsidentin des Österreichischen Nationalrats, Ihre Exzellenz, Frau Mag. Barbara Prammer, Kenntnis genommen. Als Herzensösterreicher ist es mir ein besonderes Anliegen, der Familie der Verstorbenen, dem Österreichischen Parlament und den Österreicherinnen und Österreichern meine innig empfundene Anteilnahme zum Ausdruck zu bringen.

With fond remembrance of my many visits to Austria as Secretary-General of the United Nations, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Prammer, to the Austrian Parliament, and to the people of Austria.

I had the great pleasure of working closely with her, since her years as President of the Parliament coincided almost exactly with my own time in office. I always benefitted from her advice on matters spanning the United Nations agenda, from peace and security to human rights and development. Our friendship dates back even further because my wife and I first met Ms. Prammer when I served as my country's Ambassador to Austria.

Barbara Prammer has left an important legacy as a champion of women's rights, democracy and public service that will endure for generations to come. She was also a strong advocate for the United Nations and for an active Austrian role in the international arena.

I should be grateful if you would share this letter with Ms. Prammer's son and daughter, Mr. Bertram Prammer and Ms. Julia Prammer, and with members her family. At this time of sorrow, my thoughts are with all those across Austria and beyond who have been touched by this loss.

Yours sincerely,

  
BAN Ki-moon

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