



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

19 July 2016

Sehr geehrter Präsident Fischer und Frau Margit Fischer,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 29 June 2016, bidding farewell at the end of your term as Federal President of the Republic of Austria. As you conclude your tenure, let me express my sincere appreciation for the strong cooperation you have accorded to me and the United Nations. It has been a great pleasure to work so closely with you on issues of mutual concern, including climate change, sustainable development, humanitarian crises and peace and security challenges.

In particular, I would like to express my personal gratitude for your unwavering support for the goals and principles of our Organization. Our conversations have left me certain of the strong partnership between Austria and the United Nations.

I thank you as well for sharing with me a copy of the beautiful book "*Erinnerungen*" (*Memories*). The times my wife and I shared with you and Mrs. Fischer in Austria were truly precious moments for us.

Allow me also to take this opportunity to wish you continued success in your future endeavours. It has been a great privilege to work with you and I am certain that our paths will cross again.

My wife and I send our warmest regards to you and Mrs. Fischer.

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

Mit freundlichen Grüßen!

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His Excellency
Mr. Heinz Fischer
Former Federal President
of the Republic of Austria
Vienna

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