



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

NATO
Somalia

6 March 2008

Excellency,

I thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2008 in which you reaffirmed the decision by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to provide strategic airlift support for African Union Member States willing to deploy troops to the African Union Mission in Somalia. I welcome the decision by NATO to authorize the extension of this support for an additional period of six months, ending 21 August 2008.

In this regard, I would like to commend the commitment of NATO to supporting the international effort in Somalia.

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

Ki Moon Ban
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer
Secretary-General
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Brussels

28-02478



To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to the Secretary General of NATO concerning NATO's support for the African Union Mission in Somalia.

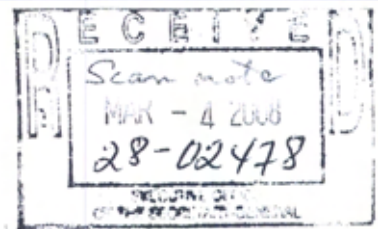
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Nicholas Haysom
5 March 2008

Cc: KWS

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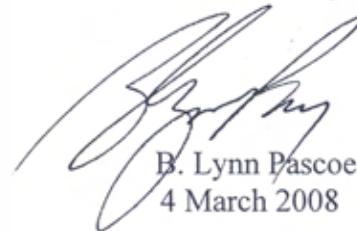
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Note to Mr. Nambiar

SOMALIA: DRAFT LETTER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NATO

1. Kindly bring to the attention of the Secretary-General, for his signature, the attached draft response to a letter from the Secretary-General of NATO, Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer. *28-01806*
2. The NATO letter advises that the North Atlantic Council agreed to maintain its current level of support for AMISOM and has authorized this for a further period of six months until 21 August 2008.
3. The draft response commends NATO for their support to AMISOM.


B. Lynn Pascoe
4 March 2008

cc: Mr. Guehenno

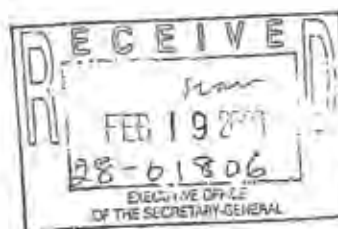
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14 February 2008

Dear Secretary General,

On 1 February 2008, the North Atlantic Council agreed that NATO should maintain its current level of support to the African Union Mission in Somalia, as requested by the African Union Commission on 23 January 2008. This involves NATO providing strategic airlift support for African Union member states willing to deploy troops to the African Union Mission in Somalia.

This continued NATO support is authorised for a further period of six months, ending 21 August 2008 and will be offered in response to specific requirements communicated by the African Union.

NATO looks forward to continued close co-operation with the United Nations in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

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His Excellency
Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General of the United Nations
New-York