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REFERENCE:

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General presents its compliments to the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General wishes to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 30 November 2009 from the Presidents of the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities.

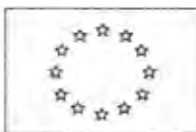
The Executive Office of the Secretary-General notes that consequential changes to representation arrangements will be communicated in due course.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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EUROPEAN UNION

Delegation of the European Commission
to the United Nations

Chargé d'Affaires

The Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Head of Cabinet of H.E. Mr Ban Ki-Moon of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit an advance copy of the letter signed by the President of the Council of the European Union and the President of the Commission of the European Communities notifying His Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations of:

- the date of entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, the replacement and the succession of the European Community by the European Union,
- the change of denomination of the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to "Delegation of the European Union", as well as precisions regarding the modalities of the European Union's representation.

The Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Head of Cabinet of H.E. Mr Ban Ki-Moon of the United Nations that the original Letter will be sent by the Delegation as soon as possible.

The Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to the United Nations has the honour to request the Head of Cabinet of H.E. Mr Ban Ki-Moon of the United Nations for a proof of receipt of the present Verbal Note and avails itself of this opportunity to renew him the assurances of its highest consideration.



New York, 30 November 2009

H.E. Mr Vijay K. NAMBIAR
Head of Cabinet of H.E. Mr Ban Ki-Moon
United Nations
New York



**COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION**

The President

COMMISSION OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The President

Brussels, 30 November 2009

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H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary General of the United Nations,
United Nations Plaza,
NY 10017 - NEW YORK,
U.S.A.

Your Excellency,

We have great pleasure in notifying you of the following:

The Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community will enter into force on 1 December 2009.

As a consequence, as from that date the European Union will replace and succeed the European Community (Article 1, third paragraph, of the Treaty on European Union as it results from the amendments introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon).

Therefore, as from that date the European Union will exercise all rights and assume all obligations of the European Community, including its status within the United Nations, whilst continuing to exercise existing rights and assume obligations of the European Union.

In particular, as from that date the European Union will succeed to all agreements concluded and all commitments made by the European Community with the United Nations and to all agreements or commitments adopted within the United Nations and binding on the European Community.

As from that date the Delegation of the European Commission accredited to the United Nations becomes the "Delegation of the European Union".

Consequential changes to representation arrangements will be communicated in due course.

We trust that the relevant bodies and authorities in the United Nations will, where necessary, take the appropriate steps in this respect.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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