



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

23 August 2011

Excellency,

I write to thank you for your letter of 25 July 2011 in which you inform me of Poland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. I also appreciate your briefing me on your Government's views and role in the European Union. I wish you the best success in your endeavours.

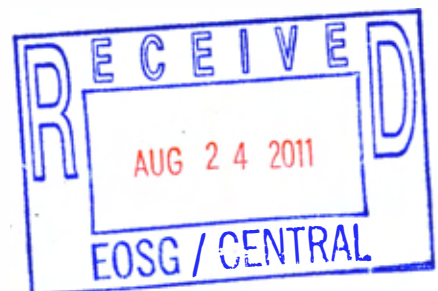
Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the gift you sent with the letter. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asha-Rose Migiro", is centered below the text.

Asha-Rose Migiro

His Excellency
Mr. Witold Sobków
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Poland
New York



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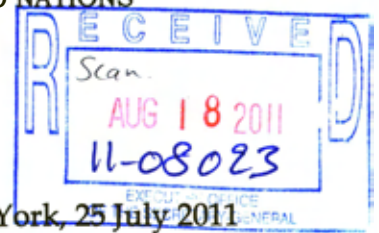
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Dear Deputy Secretary-General,

Poland assumed her Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1-st July 2011, after over 7 years of active participation in the European Union. Our approach can be summed up in three words, describing the way we see the European Union and Poland's role in it:

- Growing
- Secure
- Open

First, we want a **Growing Europe**. It is about:

- a modern regulation framework
- reforming the Internal Market
- E-commerce
- a new legal space for EU-wide common sales contract
- cheaper roaming services
- the EU patent regime
- the first major moves to define the EU's next budget framework for 2014-2020.

A Growing Europe needs a **Secure Europe**. It is about:

- effective border management policies
- orderly processes of migration - helping Frontex deal with unexpected crises.
- having ways to cope with shocks to global food supplies
- balancing economic development with essential environmental protection
- promoting good compromises which combine market-based reforms with continuing support by the CAP
- energy security
- having a credible and united voice in international affairs - making policy and having a collective impact
- pushing hard to bring together civilian and military operations, and supporting the High Representative as she builds up the EU's collective external policy networks.

Finally, an **Open Europe**. It is about:

- enlargement, e.g. Croatia's accession treaty, and progress made with Turkey and Iceland.
- bringing countries of the Western Balkans closer to the EU's accession.

Our Presidency will look East. And South. In Eastern Europe there is still unfinished business. With Ukraine and Moldova we will push to conclude Association Agreements, more visa liberalisation and new free trade areas. We will work to set up a new framework of cooperation between the EU and Russia. In September we will organize the Eastern Partnership Summit.

If Europe has unfinished business in the East, to the South the business is only beginning! Dramatic events are unfolding in North Africa and the wider Arab region. These countries need to find their own path. The EU will support them with the technology of democracy. We plan a high level conference in December to share best practices from our transformation and help facilitate change and democratisation in the South.

[Let me present to you, Excellency, a small gift, the so called "*bączki*", a product of folk tradition in Poland - they are painted just like the regional folk costumes, and are one of the symbols of the Presidency.]

Yours sincerely,


Witold Sobków
Ambassador

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