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Dear Mr. Hobbs,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 15 April 2008, inviting the Secretary-General to meet with the delegation from NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Economics and Security Committee on 26 June 2008 during their visit to New York.

The Secretary-General attaches great value to NATO's contribution in support of the work of the United Nations. It is therefore with deep regret that, owing to prior engagements, he will be unable to accept your kind invitation. Let me nevertheless take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for successful meetings with United Nations senior officials.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Nambiar
Chief of Cabinet

Mr. David Hobbs
Secretary General
NATO Parliamentary Assembly
Brussels

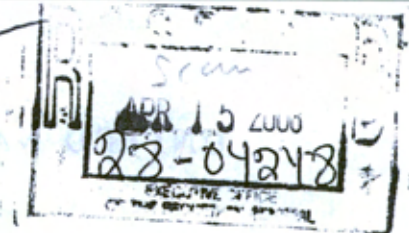
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Mr. Ban Ki Moon
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Brussels, 9 April 2008

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

On behalf of Mr Assen Agov (Bulgaria), Chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's (NATO PA) Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations, I am contacting you today to ask whether you would be available to meet with a delegation from the NATO PA Political Committee in New York in early June.

The delegation, consisting of senior legislators of NATO member countries, will visit New York on June 9 to 11, 2008 and would be very interested in learning about your visions for the United Nations' future, particularly regarding its role in international security and its relationship with NATO. The Committee had the privilege of meeting your predecessor, Mr Kofi Annan, in 2004 and has exchanged views with senior UN representatives, including M. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, on various occasions.

We would anticipate that the meeting with you would last no longer than one hour. At this point, we anticipate a delegation of approximately 20 to 25 Parliamentarians featuring a number of Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairmen of their respective national parliaments. A list of participants of our delegation will be sent to you as soon as we have received confirmation from the Members. Moreover, our website at: www.nato-pa.int provides detailed information about our organisation and membership.

It would be a great honour if you were able to meet the delegation. Concerning the timing, the delegation will be in New York all day on 9 and 10 June and in the morning of 11 June and would be pleased to arrange a meeting to suit your schedule. Please be advised that we are also contacting the heads of the DPKO and other UN departments for additional meetings. Mr Steffen Sachs, Director of the Political Committee, is responsible for the visit and would be glad to provide any additional information. He can be reached at +32 2 513 28 65 (or by email ssachs@nato-pa.int cc. iarcis@nato-pa.int). In addition, Colonel Eric Heeze, the NATO liaison officer at the UN headquarters, would also serve as a point of contact and he can be reached at 212-963-8223.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

David Hobbs