



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8 March 2010

Excellency,

In continuation of my previous letters, I have the honour to inform you that on 5 March, I met with the President of the Security Council for the current month, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet, Permanent Representative of Gabon.

We had a useful exchange on important issues on the agendas of the two organs. The President of the Security Council briefed on the programme of work of the Council, which included several situations in Africa, notably Chad, Sudan, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau and Somalia, and other situations, including Afghanistan and the Middle East. Noting the prominence of the African issues on the agenda of the Security Council, I expressed appreciation for the work of the Council, and emphasized in particular the need for more concerted and credible efforts to address the situation in Somalia. Ambassador Issoze-Ngondet and I agreed on the crucial importance of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East for regional and international peace and security.

In welcoming the open debate on small arms to be held under the Gabonese presidency of the Security Council, I also seized the opportunity to brief the President of the Security Council on the thematic debates to be held in the General Assembly.

The importance of further strengthening the coordination and interaction between the General Assembly and the Security Council was underlined during the meeting. In that regard, I mentioned the useful exchange of ideas that I had had with the successive Presidents of the Security Council, particularly with regard to the improvement of working methods of the Security Council and the collective desire of the General Assembly for more qualitative and substantive annual reports of the Security Council to the General Assembly. UN reforms, including the reform of the Security Council, also came under discussion.

I am convinced that these periodic interactions with the Presidents of the Security Council advance the constructive spirit of cooperation between the two organs and contribute effectively to a strengthened United Nations organization. I will continue to keep Member States informed of these meetings.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali' followed by a stylized flourish.

Ali Abdussalam Treki

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