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Excellency,

In continuation of my previous letters, and as part of regular consultations between the Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council, I am pleased to inform you of my meeting today with the President of the Security Council for the month of August, H.E. Mr. Vitaly Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation.

We had the opportunity to discuss a number of important issues on the agendas of the Security Council and the General Assembly. The President of the Security Council informed me about the Council's activities during the current month that included among other issues, discussions on the situation in Lebanon, the Middle East including the Palestinian question, Kosovo, Iraq, Central African Republic and Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, UN peacekeeping and piracy of the coast of Somalia.

I underscored the need for enhanced efforts and high level of international attention to address the situation in Somalia. We exchanged views on the Middle East peace process in view of the forthcoming resumption of direct negotiations between the Israeli and the Palestinian sides. I noted the importance of continued United Nations' engagement on this issue. We discussed the upcoming meetings in the General Assembly including Kosovo and other issues. We also discussed the ongoing efforts for the revitalization of the General Assembly and the reform of the Security Council.

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

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