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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
LE PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ

2 June 2006

Dear Mr. President,

The Charter gives important roles to the Security Council and the General Assembly regarding one of the most essential decisions for the United Nations, the selection of the Secretary-General.

The Security Council is committed to working closely with the General Assembly on this important matter, in a spirit of transparency and dialogue.

In this spirit, and following up on your conversation with the President of the Security Council on 18 April, I wish to inform you that the Security Council intends to start in early July the process of consideration of candidacies which will have been presented to its President by a member State. As in the past, a member State may present candidates, nationals and/or non-nationals of that State, at any stage of the process.

The President of the Security Council will continue, on behalf of all members, to keep you informed, and through you the membership at large, of developments in the process within the Council.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming days to exchange views on this important issue.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ellen Margrethe Løj".

Ellen Margrethe Løj
President of the Security Council

His Excellency
Mr. Jan Eliasson
President of the General Assembly

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