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**Letter dated 9 April 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), established by Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 and most recently extended by resolution 1789 (2007) of 14 December 2007.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Rear Admiral Mario Sánchez Debernardi (Peru) as the new UNFICYP Force Commander. He replaces Major General Rafael Barni (Argentina), who completed his assignment on 31 March 2008. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Barni for his dedication and effective leadership.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* **Ban Ki-moon**

