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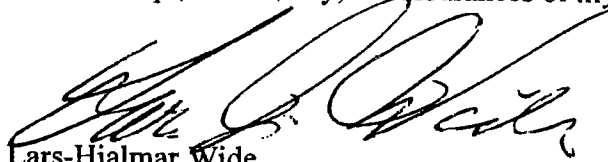
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Excellency,

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Revitalization of the General Assembly, Ambassador Alsaidi of Yemen and Ambassador Silkalna of Latvia, have requested that the Office of the President of the General Assembly make available to all Member States the memo from the meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of April 2006 on 18 April 2006, the content of which was orally conveyed by Ambassador Alsaidi in the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on 19 April 2006.

In response to this request, I have the honour to circulate the above-mentioned memo (see attached).

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



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**PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of April 2006, the Permanent Representative of China, on 18 April 2006**

On 18 April, the President of the Security Council, Ambassador Wang of China, on behalf of all members of the Security Council, conveyed the following oral message to the President of the General Assembly regarding the issue of the election of the next Secretary-General:

- The election of the next Secretary-General is an important task for the UN this year. It is also something to which everyone, including the Security Council, attaches great importance. The Security Council, in strict compliance with the Charter, will ensure that the person who truly commands the general support will be selected as our next Secretary-General.
- Since February this year, the rotating Presidents of the Security Council have had bilateral and informal contacts with members on this question and reported thereon to all Council members. The Security Council as a whole has also held informal discussions on this subject.
- The specific questions considered so far include:
  - the practice and tradition on regional rotation for selecting the Secretary-General;
  - whether or not to set job description and criteria for the post;
  - the timing of when the Council should launch the formal election process;
  - how to increase the transparency of the election process and enhance coordination and interactions with the General Assembly.
- The preliminary agreement reached by members of the Council is to start the formal election process in summer, around June or July. Hopefully, together with the General Assembly, the task can be accomplished by the end of September or the beginning of October. Before that, members of the Council will continue to engage in informal consultations on this matter.

- As to the role of the General Assembly, all members of the Council respect the due role of the General Assembly in accordance with the provision of the Charter. They agree to further increase the transparency of the selection process in the Council and interactions with the General Assembly. Specific measures may include:
  - the rotating Presidents of the Council are ready to meet regularly with the President of the General Assembly, informally briefing him about the discussion in the Council;
  - the Council may encourage candidates, during their stay in New York, to introduce their campaign platforms to the regional groups of the General Assembly;
  - the Council may also encourage candidates to present their candidacy through informal events organized by IPA or any such institute;
  - Members of the Council will, in accordance with the Charter and provisions of relevant resolution, continue the practice of decades to recommend one candidate for Secretary-General to the General Assembly.