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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss,
President of the 65th Session of the General Assembly,
on the Re-Appointment of the Secretary-General**

Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

In my capacity as President of the General Assembly, I would like to thank you, Mr. Secretary-General, on behalf of all the Member States for your remarkable leadership of our Organization thus far. Your re-appointment today is a sign of the esteem that all those States have for you and of their confidence in you.

Loyalty, discretion and conscience: these are the qualities that you swore to exercise when you took your oath of office. Loyalty, discretion and confidence, Mr. Secretary-General: these qualities were not just words. For the past five years, on a daily basis, they have truly guided you in your work.

Since your assumption of office, you have been active in many areas. In a complex, difficult international environment, you have strengthened the role and the visibility of the United Nations by adopting reform measures; launching exciting, innovative initiatives; and calling faithfully and constantly for respect for human rights, the rule of law and the other values rooted in our Charter.

Allow me to mention just a few examples that, in my view, illustrate your tireless commitment to serving the international community. In the area of security and peacekeeping, creation of the Department of Field Support focused on more effective management with a view to greater impact on the ground. With respect to disarmament and reduction of the world's nuclear arsenal, establishment of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, as well as your initiative to convene a meeting on disarmament in the margins of the General Assembly last summer, gave new impetus to this key issue.

Concerning the empowerment of women and the promotion of their rights, you will be remembered, Mr. Secretary-General, as the man who created UN-Women by combining the mandates of various programmes in order to achieve greater efficiency. During the General Assembly's dialogue on development last week, we measured progress in implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, another telling example. I cannot do justice to your achievements by listing all of them, but I would like to mention your commitment to combating climate change, fostering sustainable development and promoting safety in the use of civil nuclear energy.

The past few months have been a particularly tumultuous period for the international community. You have said that the "Arab spring" was a once-in-a-generation opportunity. It is essential

to show our solidarity with people who aspire to greater freedom, democracy and well-being. Recent events have shown once again that the world needs the United Nations and that the United Nations needs a Secretary-General with the qualities of leadership and determination. The world needs a solid, credible Organization with a Secretariat and intergovernmental bodies that are mutually reinforcing.

Mr. Secretary-General,

As President of the General Assembly, I want to tell you how much I value the excellent collaboration between your Office and mine and your readiness to cooperate. You have always been extremely transparent concerning your activities and your travels abroad. For example, on 28 March 2011, you had hardly returned from your trip to North Africa when you came before the General Assembly to report on recent developments in the region. These ties are important; they foster dialogue between the Secretariat and Member States and contribute to the revitalization of the General Assembly, both within our Organization and on the international stage.

Mr. Secretary-General,

The task is not easy, as you know, but I assure you of the full support of the General Assembly and its Member States. This second term of office will allow you to work even harder to promote the fundamental values of the Charter. On a personal level, I would like to congratulate you again on your achievements and to wish you every success in the future.



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

Statement of H.E. Amb. Pablo Solón, Permanent Representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations, on behalf of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group on the occasion of the Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

June 21, 2011

I am grateful for the honour of representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) in this important plenary of the General Assembly. On behalf of Latin America and the Caribbean, I express to you, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, our congratulations for having been elected as Secretary General of the United Nations for a second term.

The Member States of GRULAC have favoured the enhancement of United Nations' power and influence, and in this regard they underscore the role of the Secretary-General in implementing the purposes of the Charter.

We appreciate your dedication and hard work to face the many challenges before the international community and welcome your re-election, seeking to enhance democracy and transparency in the UN, taking into account and addressing the different concerns of all Member States.

In conclusion, allow me, on behalf of GRULAC, to express to you, Mr. Secretary-General, our readiness to continue our cooperation with you to achieve the noble goals and objectives of the United Nations Charter.

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**Statement by
Ambassador Ron Prosor**

**Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Western European and Other
States Group for the Month of June**

**“Appointment of the Secretary-General of the
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Mr. President,

On behalf of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG), it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, on his re-election for a second term. The unanimous support for the Secretary-General's re-appointment offered by members of WEOG reflects the widespread recognition of his exceptional abilities as a leader. Always striving to serve as a bridge builder, Secretary-General Ban has displayed a tireless commitment to his duties over the past five years. He has sought to advance the causes of peace, security, stability, and human rights. With great dedication, he has led the international community's efforts in many conflict zones and its response to tragic natural disasters all over the globe.

In the face of a major economic crisis, the Secretary-General provided essential leadership and worked to ensure that those most affected by the downturn were not forgotten by the international community.

To advance global prosperity, Secretary-General Ban helped to facilitate renewed commitments to the Millennium Development Goals, spurring progress on many vital issues, such as climate change, global health, and the eradication of poverty.

In an age of fiscal austerity, the Secretary-General has emphasized the pressing need for a more innovative and effective UN organization. He has offered a consistent vision for reform of UN institutions. One important milestone in this effort has been the establishment of UN Women, a new entity that promotes gender equality and women's empowerment. WEOG welcomes the Secretary-General's commitment to continue to work to make the United Nations more transparent, accountable, efficient and results-oriented.

Mr. President,

The coming years are sure to bring with them great challenges. WEOG is confident that Secretary-General Ban, at the helm of the United Nations, will continue to offer essential leadership for the international community.

We wish the Secretary-General every success over the next five years – and pledge to continue offering our full support for his work.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Statement
by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Cujba
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations
in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States
for the month of June 2011
during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly, June 21st, 2011

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I am particularly honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States on the occasion of re-election of H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon as Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Eastern European Group has previously expressed its full support to Mr. Ban Ki-moon and we are pleased to have this opportunity to wholeheartedly congratulate him on his reappointment for a second term.

Mr. Ban has demonstrated during the past 4 and ½ years his deep commitment to multilateral diplomacy as the central approach to promote international peace and security, to enhance international cooperation and to find concerted solutions to global problems. His distinguished tenure, respect and sensibility for the diversity of the United Nations, composed and comforting cadence were and continue to be complementary to our endeavors to reach compromise, deeper understanding and tolerance within this global body.

The Organization's strengthening and consolidating leader is of the essence to our Assembly, while we join our efforts and determination towards the fulfillment of far-reaching and ambitious global goals, delivering effective international responses to global challenges. And we are particularly encouraged in this regard by Mr. Ban's position that "the agenda of member states is his agenda".

The results of Mr. Ban Ki-moon's tireless activity in this high position have shown his genuine commitment and energetic approach to his responsibilities. He was instrumental in steering the work of our organization during numerous financial, economic, food and energy crises that put the international community to a severe test. Many initiatives were launched, are implemented and some are already completed in crucial fields like empowerment of women, climate change, peace and security, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, sustainable development.

It is the scope of the United Nations to seek solutions for all differentiated priorities and challenges that our peoples have, and we all want to put them to good use and to benefit from the valuable potential of the United Nations. That is the main task of this organization and a thoughtful and firm Secretary-General is the guiding compass to help us navigate through many problems and challenges ahead of us.

Mr. Ban Ki-moon has demonstrated that moving forward the United Nations is possible. While building on the achievements of the former leaders of this organization, we shall be committed to new endeavors.

We stand by Secretary-General Ban in his efforts to build a stronger and more effective world organization that would invigorate the entire United Nations system. Promoting greater coherence among different parts of the UN system and other relevant actors, enhancing the representativeness, transparency, accountability, efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations - actions of high priority on the agenda of the Secretary-General - are close to positions expressed by entire membership, and we are looking forward to working with the Secretary-General and his team in delivering sustainable results.

Last year's Summit on Millennium Development Goals generated a five-year action-plan towards their achievement. While multiple crises are threatening their implementation and prolonged insecurity in the global economy puts under pressure some of the development gains made in previous decades, we have time and political will to work on delivering strong and inclusive economic growth to achieve MDS's and to look forward, to new horizons after 2015.

Recent natural disasters, of increased frequency and intensity, that struck countries and peoples all around the world, causing tragic loss of life and suffering, have brought into attention the fragility and preciousness of our environment. Due to Secretary-General's engagement in addressing climate change, this issue makes the headline in public policies, international multilateral fora and most importantly consolidates the civil society's and the private sector's engagement for a cleaner and safer Earth. We are heading towards Rio+20 next year and a sustainable future is another task on our agenda.

Human rights, the rule of law and democracy are interlinked and mutually reinforcing core values and principles of the United Nations. We recognize the valuable role that the Secretary-General has in bringing together the efforts of different stakeholders and we call on him to continuously bestow his attention to this area.

We acclaim the Secretary-General's commitment to build on the momentum on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and we also praise his diligence in coping with international security challenges. His individual approach and so often his personal presence on the ground in places affected by conflicts or humanitarian crises are commendable and we encourage him to continue working closely with member states in order to respond to the needs of our peoples and communities.

Finally, on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States, I express our full confidence in a fruitful cooperation with the Secretary-General during the following years, and pledge our commitment and support for his priorities for a strengthened, dynamic and more operational United Nations. We wish him success and persistence in fulfilling his responsible tasks.

I thank you.

Senegal

Monsieur le Président,

C'est pour moi un honneur et un grand privilège que d'adresser, au nom du Groupe des Etats d'Afrique, mes vives et chaleureuses félicitations à S.E.M. Ban Ki-Moon pour sa réélection attendue et méritée pour un second mandat en tant que Secrétaire général de l'Organisation des Nations Unies.

En vérité la résolution que l'Assemblée générale vient d'adopter à cet égard n'est que l'expression éloquente de l'appréciation positive de l'œuvre que M. Ban Ki-Moon a déjà accomplie au cours de son premier mandat.

C'est aussi ce sentiment de satisfaction générale qui est, sans doute, à l'origine du soutien massif à sa candidature.

Le Groupe des Etats d'Afrique, par ma voix, se réjouit donc de la perspective de poursuivre avec lui sa coopération dynamique et sincère aux fins de l'atteinte des nobles idéaux et objectifs de la Charte des Nations Unies dont M. Ban s'est fait l'un des plus vaillants défenseurs.

En effet, c'est son professionnalisme, son dévouement et sa ferme détermination à hisser très haut les flambeaux des Nations Unies qui nous valent autant de progrès aussi bien en matière de gestion interne des ressources humaines que dans divers domaines d'action quotidienne de notre Organisation.

Ces progrès sont d'autant plus appréciables qu'ils ont été réalisés dans des périodes souvent très difficiles où les défis multiples et multiformes assaillent de toutes parts.

Qu'il me soit donc permis de saluer la manière énergétique et efficace avec laquelle il a su faire face aux problèmes contemporains les plus pressants, en jouant le rôle de Chef de file face aux crises multiples qui ont secoué le monde.

Son combat quotidien pour la promotion de la paix, de la sécurité, du développement et des droits de l'Homme a permis de recentrer les efforts notamment sur la promotion de la paix et de la sécurité, l'atteinte des objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement, la lutte contre les effets des changements climatiques, le respect des Droits de l'Homme, la démocratie et l'autonomisation des femmes.

Il va sans dire que le bilan de Monsieur Ban Ki-Moon au cours de son premier mandat est empreint de succès qui nous fondent à espérer que cette réélection lui permettra de parachever ses nombreuses réalisations.

C'est pourquoi l'Afrique, qui a été au centre de ses préoccupations, lui renouvèle sa totale confiance tout en restant persuadée que son deuxième mandat sera l'occasion, entre autres, de consolider son action en faveur du Continent africain.

Je vous remercie de votre aimable attention.

Remarks by Ambassador Susan E. Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations at a General Assembly Meeting on the Reappointment of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, June 21, 2011

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This is an important day in the life of this institution. On behalf of the United States of America, the host country of the United Nations, I have the honor of warmly welcoming Mr. Ban Ki-moon's reappointment as Secretary-General of the United Nations. No one understands the burdens of this role better than he, and my government is grateful that he is willing to continue to take them on.

For the past four and a half years, the Secretary-General has navigated turbulent waters with a steady hand. We have all benefited from the wisdom and experience he has amassed over the course of a long, distinguished, and selfless career of public service. Secretary-General Ban is a leader who listens to the voices of the voiceless—of the refugees sheltered beneath UN tents, of the children vaccinated through UN programs, of the innocent civilians whose lives have been saved by effective UN action.

Under the Secretary-General's leadership, the United Nations has moved to meet the challenges of a new century—one in which we must all work together to find shared solutions to common challenges that pay no heed to borders. Secretary-General Ban has been a champion of peace and security, an advocate for development, and a voice for universal human rights. He has spoken out with compassion for Haiti, for democracy in Cote d'Ivoire, and for the responsibility to protect in Libya. He has urged us all to confront the common challenge of climate change. He has encouraged us to promote truly sustainable development that expands the circle of prosperity. And he has insisted on recognizing that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights are, simply, human rights.

The Secretary-General has also understood that an institution built in the wake of World War II must renew and reform itself to meet the challenges of a very different world. He has already made important changes, such as hiring more women for senior posts and proposing the deepest reduction in the UN's budget in more than a decade. Under his leadership, the United Nations has launched the Global Field Support Strategy, created an Ethics Office, and merged four disparate bodies into the important new agency UN Women. But far more work

awaits the Secretary-General in his second term. We look forward to working with him and his senior leadership team as they ensure that the United Nations moves swiftly to reduce bureaucracy, update its business practices, ensure budget discipline, promote transparency, and create a culture of economy, ethics, and excellence.

In all these efforts, we know that the Secretary-General will be guided by his abiding commitment to, as the UN Charter puts it, "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war," to reaffirm our common faith "in the dignity and worth of the human person," and "to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom." We also know that he will continue to rely on valued colleagues and counselors—including, of course, his wonderful wife, Madame Ban Soon-Taek, whom we also thank for her support and sacrifice today.

Mr. President, in the 21st century, we need the United Nations more than ever—to help bridge the gaps between war and reconciliation, between division and cooperation, and between misery and hope. We are therefore fortunate to have a Secretary-General who has so often spoken of himself as a bridge builder. As Secretary-General Ban again takes up one of the toughest jobs in the world, the United States renews its pledge of friendship and support.

Thank you, Mr. President.