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We remain convinced that transformative reform is needed to ensure a more effective, efficient and accountable United Nations.

To enact such reforms, the Secretary-General must make the most of the window of opportunity offered by the start of his term to act boldly and decisively. As the UN's Chief Administrative Officer he has a wide mandate to take such measures. In our view the Secretary-General should take full advantage of this authority.

At the same time, as we discussed with you at our recent meeting on 2 June, building the buy-in and trust of Member States is important and is best facilitated by open communication and transparency. Strategically employing such an approach, in tandem with the use of the Secretary-General's broad authority, will be critical to the success of the Secretary-General's reform programme.

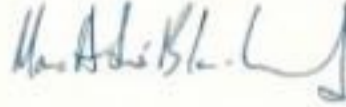
We believe the 22 July retreat with Member States offers an excellent opportunity for such communication and we look forward to participating fully at this event. In order to make the most of this opportunity we encourage the Secretary-General to share some topics for discussion with Member States in advance of the retreat to facilitate the discussion and, we would hope, enhance the prospects of securing broad support for the Secretary-General's reform effort. In doing so it would also be helpful to elaborate the Secretary-General's vision on management reform, much like the Secretary-General's March Vision Statement on Conflict Prevention or the papers on the development system released in June.

Finally, we reiterate our full support for the Secretary-General's efforts to improve the way in which the UN works. As Member States we stand ready to advance this work to create a more effective, efficient, and accountable UN.

Kind regards




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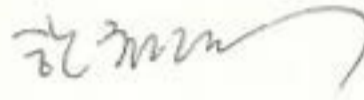
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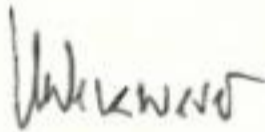
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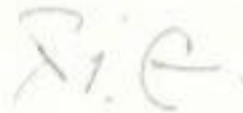
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