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**Letter dated 25 February 2010 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to my letters dated 28 September and 28 December 2009 on the United Nations role in support of the Joint Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism and the international discussions in Geneva on security and stability and the return of internally displaced persons and refugees (see S/2009/254, para. 5). Following consultations, it is my intention to appoint Mr. Antti Turunen (Finland) as the United Nations representative.

Mr. Turunen, who has most recently served as the Permanent Representative of Finland to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe since February 2007, will succeed Mr. Johan Verbeke, who completed his assignment at the end of December 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the excellent work of Mr. Verbeke during his tenure.

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

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

