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**Emne:** RE: Letter to President Hastings

Suzanne,

Thank you for forwarding the letter from your head of delegation to Mr. Hastings. Since the letter was circulated to all heads of delegation, as well, we thought it appropriate to copy such individuals on this email response. President Hastings would be happy to respond more formally to Mr. Fünfschilling should this response not address the concerns of your delegation.

I discussed the letter with President Hastings this morning and he was confused as to exactly what "comprehensive information" your delegation is seeking. As you know, the reappointment of the Secretary General is a straight "up or down" majority vote by the Standing Committee. The Secretary General serves a 5 year renewable term. The incumbent's term runs through 2005, therefore it must be renewed before year's end. Since we believe that the Annual Session has the highest attendance rates of Members, Mr. Hastings added it to the agenda. In terms of the ratification of the appointment of the Deputy Secretary General, the Standing Committee must approve the appointment announced by the Secretary General to the Expanded Bureau in Copenhagen this past April.

Vice President Kessler of Italy has proposed several changes to the Rules of Procedure specifically as it relates to the appointment of the Secretary General. In accordance with Rule 44, President Hastings appointed a sub-committee to examine Mr. Kessler's proposals and make a recommendation to the Standing Committee. Additionally, as you are also no doubt aware, Vice President Haering of your delegation was asked to and has accepted to be a member of this sub-committee. All Heads of Delegation received a memo from Deputy Secretary General Vitaly Evseyev this morning explaining the mandate of the sub-committee. As the memo pointed out, the sub-committee is scheduled to meet in Washington prior to the Standing Committee meeting on 1 July so that the members can make their recommendation that morning.

So, with that having been said, Mr. Hastings remains somewhat unclear as to the specific information that is being requested. I hope the above description of this agenda item clarifies any uncertainty. If, however, it does not, President Hastings would be more than happy to discuss this further with Mr. Fünfschilling.

Finally, I also note that a short biography about the Secretary General himself appears on the OSCE PA website. In addition, there are many Reports of the Secretary General to the Standing Committee dating back to the Paris Annual Session in 2001.

On behalf of the Congressman, I look forward to seeing you and the entire Swiss delegation in Washington in just a couple of short weeks!

Warmly,  
Fred

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Congressman Alcee L. Hastings

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**Subject:** Letter to President Hastings

**Importance:** High

Dear Fred,

Please find attached a letter of our Head of Delegation, Mr. Fünfschilling, to **President Hastings**. You will also receive a signed version by fax in a few minutes.

Would you be so kind to forward it to Mr. Hastings **as soon as possible**. Thank you very much in advance, and see you soon in Washington.

Kind Regards,

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