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TO THE HEADS OF ALL DELEGATIONS

Dear Member,

I am writing to provide further details regarding the Plenary Sitting which will take place on Tuesday, 30 May during the Assembly's spring session in Paris.

The Plenary Sitting on 30 May will begin with a joint meeting between the Assembly and the Permanent Representatives to the North Atlantic Council.

The format will be modelled on the previous such meeting which took place at the Venice Session in November 2004.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the Assembly's President and the Secretary General of NATO. The Secretary General will make a short opening statement and then the floor will be opened for exchanges between members of the Assembly and the Secretary General of NATO and members of the North Atlantic Council on topical issues.

We would like to ensure that the exchanges are as effective as possible. In order to achieve this, and in view of the time available and the large number of Members and Ambassadors present, a degree of pre-organization is essential.

Each delegation will be entitled to submit one question or comment either by the Head of the Delegation or by a nominated Member. Contributions on these issues will be limited to 3 minutes. Delegations who wish to contribute should indicate who will speak and on which subject by **Tuesday, 23 May 2006**. These contributions will be grouped and allocated in as fair and as representative a fashion as possible. Obviously we will try to ensure that all of those who seek to take the floor may do so, but this obviously cannot be guaranteed.

We anticipate that the likely topics for discussion with the NATO Secretary General and the NATO Council will be grouped as follows:

- NATO transformation;
- Alliance operations and missions (including caveats and funding issues);
- NATO's capabilities and commitments;
- NATO and the European Union; and
- NATO's Partnerships; and
- The future of NATO enlargement.

Of course, this list is by no means exhaustive so if you wish to raise a topic not listed above, the topics will be adjusted accordingly.

The Secretary General – Le Secrétaire général

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I would be grateful if you could provide the information on your delegation's contribution either to me or my Assistant, Susan Millar, at the International Secretariat (tel: + 32 2 504 8155, fax: + 32 2 513 5923 or e-mail: smillar@nato-pa.int).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Simon Lunn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Lunn