

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in New York (United States of America) on 3-5 November 2008, with Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

. held exchanges of views with

- Dr. Eva Busza, Strategic Planning Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary General;
- Mr Francis Deng, Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities;
- Mr John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator;
- Mrs Jane Holl Lute, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support;
- Ms Elizabeth Spehar, Director, Americas and Europe Division, Department of Political Affairs;
- Ambassador Neven Jurica, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations, Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee;
- Ambassador Anders Lidén, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations;
- Ambassador Jorge Urbina, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, Chair of the UN Security Council in November 2008;
- Ambassador Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations;

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. attended the United Nations General Assembly debate on *Co-operation between the United Nations and regional and other organisations*, heard statements by Mr Milos Aligrudic, its Vice-Chairman (on behalf of Serbia), and by Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and took note of the adoption by consensus the General Assembly of the resolution on co-operation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

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