



Organization of African Unity
The Secretary General

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Your Excellency,

I was thrilled by the news of the decision of the Security Council to recommend your name to the General Assembly for election as the next Secretary-General of the United Nations. This victory is a great honour and tribute to Africa, which has consistently and forcefully argued and worked so that one of its eminent sons should be elevated to the position. It is also a great honour to Egypt, a country which has always stood for and defended the ideals and objectives of the United Nations. But above all, it is a well deserved tribute to your person as it is a recognition of your immense qualities as a statesman, diplomat, distinguished scholar and a man of peace.

You will be taking over at challenging times, when the United Nations is assuming a greater and rightful role in world affairs. The years ahead will provide great opportunities and challenges to the United Nations. I am confident given your diplomatic skills and your humane qualities that you will measure to the daunting challenges which lie ahead. Having had, over the years, the pleasure of working with you very closely on many areas of interest to our continent and the world at large, I am convinced that you will serve humanity with total dedication and commitment.

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While we await with confidence the ratification of your nomination by the General Assembly, I wish, on behalf of Africa and the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, to congratulate you most warmly and to assure you of my full support and cooperation. I look forward to working closely with you.

This message comes to you with my wishes for good health in your continued service to humanity.

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