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Dear Commissioners Wallström and Nielson,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 October 2004 in which the establishment of a structured dialogue and closer cooperation is proposed between the European Commission and the United Nations in the field of disaster response, field coordination and humanitarian action.

I am pleased to confirm the agreement of the United Nations, and I look forward to meeting both you and your successors at your earliest convenience to discuss rapid and effective implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my satisfaction at the results of the discussions held between our Offices over the past eighteen months, which have led to the conclusion of the present text of the agreement, in the spirit of the Guiding Principles contained in the Annex to General Assembly Resolution 46/182. I would like also to acknowledge the excellent work done by our respective teams, as well as the facilitation role provided by the three nations which have held the European Presidency during this period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Egeland".

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