



A l'attention de Monsieur l'Ambassadeur Anastase Scopelitis,
Directeur Général de la Politique

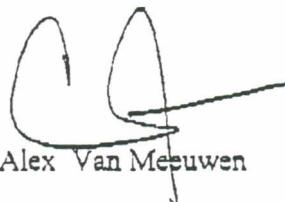
Message.

Cher Anastase,

Comme convenu, je te fais parvenir, ci-joint, un projet d'échange de lettres. Ainsi que je te l'ai déjà indiqué, la Présidence n'a pas ménagé ses efforts ni ses consultations pour aboutir à cette proposition.

Il va de soi que la Présidence UE n'a pas de mandat concernant la réponse de la part du SG de l'Otan ; nous avons essayé d'être utiles. J'espère en tout cas que ce texte pourra nous aider à atteindre le résultat que nous souhaitons tous.

Bien à toi,



Alex Van Mesuwen

Solana letter

After consultations with EU Member States on the implementation of the Nice Provisions on ESDP with regard to non EU European Allies, I am delighted to enclose a note, which sets out how non-EU European Allies will be involved to the fullest possible extent in ESDP, with full respect for the decision-making autonomy of the EU, the EU acquis and the sovereign rights of all States involved.

Robertson reply

Thank you for your letter of ... December, and the paper it transmits. On behalf of the North Atlantic Council, I welcome the indications provided by the European Union on the involvement of the non-EU European Allies in ESDP including the confirmation that under no circumstances, nor in any crisis, will ESDP be used against an Ally - a statement to which NATO Allies of course subscribe reciprocally with regard to ESDP.

The Alliance will continue to support the implementation and development of ESDP, in full respect for the decision-making autonomy of NATO and the EU, and for the sovereign rights of all States involved.

To do this, the NAC in Permanent Session has today taken the following decisions :

(quote the Decision Sheet)

NATO Allies share the EU's desire to make rapid progress on the implementation of the paragraph 10 of the Washington Communiqué. I share your commitment to achieving this, and look forward to pursuing our cooperation.